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NOTE: Request received today through Mr. DeLoach's office  
from White House. Separate memo sent through re request.

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TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: April 14, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name William F. <sup>RANCLIS</sup> Raborn, Jr.

Date of Birth June 8, 1905 Place of Birth Decatur, Texas

Present Address 315 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, California

John W. Macy, Jr. has requested:

- ☐ Copy of Previous Report
- ☐ Name Check
- ☒ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for;

- ☐ White House staff position
- ☒ Presidential Appointment
- ☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)
- ☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
- ☒ ~~Biography~~ Biography

REMARKS:

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ENCLOSURE

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

## BIOGRAPHIC DATA

RABORN, William Francis, Jr.

59 Yrs. (June 8, 1905)

Res: 315 Madeline Drive  
Pasadena, California

## PRESENT POSITION

Vice President, Program Management, Aerojet-General  
Corporation, Azusa, California

## EDUCATION

1928 B.S., United States Naval Academy  
1951-52 Student, Naval War College

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

1928 Ensign, USN; advanced to Vice Admiral (1960)  
1934 Designated naval aviator  
1928-40 Assigned battleships, destroyers, aircraft carriers  
1940-42 Established Aviation Gunnery School, Barbers Point,  
Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii  
1943-45 Executive Officer, U.S.S. Hancock, Fast Carrier  
Task Forces Pacific  
1945-47 Chief Staff Commander Task Force 58, Commander  
Carrier Division 2, Western Pacific  
1947-49 Operations Officer Commander for Air West Coast  
1949-50 Research and development of guided missiles, Bureau  
of Ordnance  
1952-54 Deputy Director, Guided Missile Division, Office of  
Chief of Naval Operations  
1954-55 Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Bennington  
1955 Assistant Chief Staff Commander, Atlantic Fleet  
First Director, Navy's Fleet Ballistic Missile Program  
Director, Office of Special Projects, Polaris Program  
Deputy Chief, Naval Operations (Development)  
1963 Retired USN

Also:

1960 Distinguished Service Medal  
1961 Robert J. Collier Trophy, National Aeronautical Association

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 15, 1965

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Papich  
1 - Mr. Haynes

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. RABORN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

*WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN*

Although we have made no inquiry concerning the newly appointed Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Liaison Supervisors have picked up the following comments during the past two days:

Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor  
Director, Office of Naval Intelligence

At a United States Intelligence Board meeting on 4/14/65, Taylor commented to a CIA representative that he considered Raborn to be highly capable, particularly with regard to his ability to focus on the main issue of a problem rather than being sidetracked by trivia. He considers Raborn an honest, hard worker.

Rear Admiral (Retired) John Waters  
Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission

Waters is a personal friend of Raborn's but has not seen him for 10 or 15 years. Waters states Raborn highly regarded in the Navy and seems to be well liked by his contemporaries. He has the ability to see through problems quickly, is a capable administrator, and has the reputation of being a hard driver.

Mr. Richard Wilson  
Office of Naval Intelligence

In selecting Raborn to head up the Polaris missile program, Navy gave him unlimited authority as they felt he was the type of man who could get things done. He was considered to have set a terrific pace and to have done a good job in this program.

Daniel Sullivan  
(Former Liaison Agent)  
Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA)  
Department of Defense

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Comment in ARPA which was associated with Raborn in the Polaris work is that Raborn is basically a good manager and administrator. He does not have a solid intelligence background but what he

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*5-14-65*

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. RABORN

lacks in intelligence experience will be made up by the appointment of Richard Helms as Deputy Director. If CIA basically needs an administrator, Raborn is a good choice.

OBSERVATION:

It appears that Raborn has a reputation as an honest, hard working, capable administrator but lacks an extensive intelligence background.

ACTION:

For information.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/16/65

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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Attention is directed to the enclosed article of Rowland Evans and Robert Novak which appeared in the 4/16/65 issue of the "Washington Post" and which refers to the selection of Admiral Raborn as the next Director of CIA. This article indicates that John Macy played a very key role in promoting Raborn. Information developed at CIA by Liaison Agent indicates that Macy was very much involved in the selection of Raborn and Richard Helms as Deputy Director of CIA. Furthermore, he was influential in removing other candidates for the job.

ACTION:

Article was previously sent in to Director. eh

For information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.  
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DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
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On 4/23/65, the Director met with Admiral Raborn and Richard Helms, the new Director and Deputy Director of CIA. Admiral Raborn expressed his long-time admiration for the Director and the Bureau. He expressed his satisfaction concerning the status of relations between CIA and FBI and hoped that the relationship would continue. The Director informed Admiral Raborn that he concurred with him in these comments and that he personally desired that there be a sound working relationship between the two agencies if the internal security of the country was to be adequately protected.

After leaving the Director's Office, Admiral Raborn commented to the Liaison Agent that he considered the meeting with the Director to be one of the most important visits which he has made since he was designated by the President to head CIA. He emphasized the need for ideal working relations between the two agencies.

During the course of the meeting with the Director, Admiral Raborn made reference to a book, "The Green Berets" authored by Robert Moore. According to Admiral Raborn, this book, which describes U. S. activities in South Vietnam, has been a subject of some concern to the President. A separate memorandum is being prepared concerning the book and the author.

## ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
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SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to advise that on April 16, 1965, SA REESE H. CHIPMAN contacted HENRY M. JACKSON, Senator, State of Washington, at his office, 802 U.S. Court House Building, Seattle, in connection with a Special Inquiry pertaining to WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., the newly appointed Director of CIA.

Upon completion of his remarks concerning RABORN, Senator JACKSON voluntarily conversed concerning the Bureau's work for several minutes. He commented on the Bureau's remarkable record of achievement, and inquired as to the nature of SA CHIPMAN's investigative assignment. On learning it is in the field of Espionage and Internal Security, JACKSON said he is aware of the enormous difficulties confronting the Bureau in this area of endeavor, and declared he never ceases to be impressed with the Bureau's accomplishments.

He concluded with the comment "You boys are doing a great job."

Senator JACKSON was thanked for his generous comments.

I feel you should know of the Senator's remarks on the above occasion. **The Bureau may desire to express its appreciation to Senator JACKSON for his kind remarks.**

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BY LIAISON ✓

Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr.  
Office of the Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Raborn:

It was certainly a pleasure to meet you on Friday and to have the opportunity to discuss your new position and problems of common concern.

All of us in the FBI were very pleased to learn of your appointment for it is a well-deserved recognition of your many accomplishments. As I indicated, we are looking forward to working with you in all matters of mutual interest, and I hope you will not hesitate to call on us whenever we can be of service to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

1 - Liaison Section

NOTE: We have not had prior correspondence with Vice Admiral Raborn. His nomination has been confirmed by the Senate and he is awaiting the formality of the swearing-in ceremony. See Brennan to Sullivan Memorandum of 4-26-65 captioned "Central Intelligence Agency, Personnel Changes."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *[Signature]*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

DATE: 4/15/65

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Cleveland to Gale memo dated 4/12/64 (attached) advised that public press indicated President Johnson on 4/12/65 appointed Raborn Director of Central Intelligence Agency, as Director John A. McCone is retiring.

The White House has now requested an investigation of Raborn.

## ACTION:

The case has been ordered separately to the Field and the field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations without prior Bureau approval. You will be advised of any unusual developments.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Burke

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI; BUDED APRIL NINETEEN NEXT.

RE BUTEL TO WFO, APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT.

PERSONNEL, MPRC, SL, ADVISED THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE  
USN RECORD FOR WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. AND FURTHER  
ADVISED THAT THESE RECORDS SHOULD BE ON FILE AT THE BUREAU OF  
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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MIAMI  
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MR. CLEVELAND  
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BUDED FOUR, NINETEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL FREDRICK W. MC MAHON, REEF CLUB, NAPLES, FLA., HAS BEEN WELL ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE FOR THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS. APPOINTEE WAS HIS CHIEF OF STAFF. HE RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AS TO LOYALTY, CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS. HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIS ABILITY AND KNOWS OF NOTHING THAT WOULD REFLECT UNFAVOURABLY AGAINST HIM.

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LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEWARK, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO,  
TAMPA, SEATTLE AND SAVANNAH.

FROM:

SAC, WFO (116-34293)

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI. BUDED APRIL NINETEEN

REBUTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED RUSH INVESTIGATION OF RABORN WHO  
HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.  
BORN JUNE EIGHT NINETEEN FIVE, DECATUR, TEXAS, RESIDES THREE ONE  
FIVE MADELINE DRIVE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. RETIRED U. S. NAVY  
SIXTYTHREE, RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL. PRESENTLY VICE PRESIDENT,  
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA.

BUREAU REQUESTS CASE BE ASSIGNED TO EXPERIENCED AND  
EFFICIENT PERSONNEL. TELETYPE SUMMARY CONTAINING RESULTS OF  
INVESTIGATION SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION MUST REACH BUREAU  
WITHOUT FAIL BY COB WASHINGTON TIME APRIL NINETEEN NEXT.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CONDUCTED FAVORABLE INVESTIGATION  
CONCERNING APPOINTEE DURING JUNE OF SIXTYFOUR WHEN BEING CON-

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INVESTIGATION AT EL MONTE, PASADENA AND LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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APPOINTEE'S SECURITY FILE WA-TWO ONE FOUR FOUR SENT TO  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, IDAHO OPERATIONS OFFICE, MARCH SEVENTEEN  
SIXTYFOUR.

DALLAS

U. S. SENATOR JOHN G. TOWER UNAVAILABLE WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
PRESENTLY AT HOME WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

JACKSONVILLE

ASSOCIATE RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL FRANK D. WAGNER, PO BOX  
FOUR SIX THREE FOUR, WARRINGTON, FLORIDA, KNEW APPOINTEE FORTYSEVEN-  
FORTYNINE, NAVAL AIR STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION INVESTIGATION CONTAINED FAVORABLE  
COMMENTS OF WILLIAM E. ZISCH, PRESIDENT, AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORA-  
TION, REGINALD R. MC KENZIE, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, AND  
LAWRENCE A. HYLAND, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, HUGHES  
AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. U. S. SENATORS GEORGE MURPHY AND THOMAS

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KUCHEL, BOTH OF CALIFORNIA, UNAVAILABLE WASHINGTON, D. C., CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH FEDERAL BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. ASSOCIATES RETIRED ADMIRAL JOHN H. SIDES AND DR. WILLIAM F. WHITMORE BOTH PRESENTLY LOCATED AT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

MIAMI

ASSOCIATE RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL FREDERICK W. MC MAHON LOCATED THE REEF CLUB, NAPLES, FLORIDA.

NEWARK

ASSOCIATE RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL JOHN JAMES LAFFAN, LOCATED THREE ONE THREE BENSON PLACE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

SAN DIEGO

ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL THOMAS LAMISON SPRAGUE, PO BOX TWO EIGHT ONE CORONADO; VICE ADMIRAL PAUL DAVID STROOP, ASSIGNED COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCE, PACIFIC FLEET, BOX ONE TWO ONE ZERO NAVAL AIR STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL FREDERICK MOOSBRUGGER, TWO FIVE SIX TWO ROSECRANES STREET. OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE FILE REFLECTS FOLLOWING DIVORCE ACTION CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND FORMER WIFE,

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LEAH VANCE RABORN LOCATED SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, DIVORCE ACTION ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT FIFTYFIVE, CASE NUMBER ONE EIGHT ONE SIX FIVE NINE, ALSO SEE DOCKET ONE EIGHT ONE - SIX FIVE ONE NINE REGARDING RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST APPOINTEE'S FORMER WIFE. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FORMER WIFE, EIGHT THREE SIX BRIGHTON COURT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO

ASSOCIATES: RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL FREDERICK I. ENTWISTLE, ONE THOUSAND MASON STREET; RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD W. RUBLE, THREE FIVE GRANADA COURT, PORTOLA VALLEY; RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL FRANK AKERS, FIVE NINE THREE TWO ESTATES DRIVE, OAKLAND; RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL MILES HUNTER HUBBARD, ONE ZERO NINE FIVE ZERO MAGEALENA AVENUE, LOS ALTOS HILLS, CALIFORNIA. REAR ADMIRAL HAROLD J. COKELY, COMMANDING OFFICER, U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

TAMPA

ASSOCIATE REAR ADMIRAL WALTER G. SCHINDLER, THREE SIX ONE FIVE MINEOLA DRIVE, SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

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CONGRESSMAN MENDEL RIVERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNAVAILABLE  
WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH OFFICE, ONE THREE  
BROAD STREET, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, OR AT HOME NUMBER  
NINE PALMETTO ROAD, WAPPOO HEIGHTS, CHARLESTON.

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U. S. SENATOR HENRY JACKSON UNAVAILABLE WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
CONTACT THROUGH U. S. COURTHOUSE, ROOM EIGHT ZERO TWO, SEATTLE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
MC NAMARA, UNDER SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE AND SECRETARY OF THE  
NAVY PAUL NITZE THROUGH LIAISON.

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FRANCISCO, AND WASHINGTON FIELD (WFO 116-34293)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (161-861)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. *STI*, BUDED APRIL NINETEEN NEXT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD APRIL FIFTEEN  
AND WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SIXTEEN.

FOR INFORMATION SAN ANTONIO AND LITTLE ROCK, WHITE  
HOUSE HAS REQUESTED RUSH INVESTIGATION ON RABORN WHO HAS  
BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,  
BORN JUNE EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO FIVE, DECATUR, TEXAS,  
RESIDES THREE ONE FIVE MADELINE DRIVE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.  
RETIRED U. S. NAVY, SIXTY THREE, RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL,  
PRESENTLY VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AEROJET DASH  
GENERAL CORPORATION, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA. BUREAU REQUESTED  
CASE BE ASSIGNED TO EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL. TELETYPE  
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INVESTIGATION AT AEROJET DASH GENERAL CORPORATION,  
SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, REVEALS RABORN HAS SON WILLIAM  
FRANCIS RABORN, THE THIRD, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SON

ATTENDING COLLEGE AND WORKS AEROJET GENERAL, SACRAMENTO.

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[REDACTED] ALSO EMPLOYED AEROJET  
GENERAL. APPOINTEES OTHER RELATIVES ARE, MOTHER, CORNELIA  
V. RABORN, FOUR THREE FOUR BREES BOULEVARD, SAN ANTONIO,  
FATHER, WILLIAM F. RAYBORN SR., DECEASED IN PAST FIVE  
YEARS, BROTHERS, BERYL M. RABORN, AGE SIXTY TWO, ONE ONE  
ZERO SANDALWOOD DRIVE, HOUSTON, TWENTY FOUR TEXAS; ROWEN  
C. RABORN, AGE SIXTY, TWO SIX TWO TWO FRIAR TUCK, SAN ANTONIO;  
CHARLES B. RABORN, AGE FIFTY SIX, FOUR FLAMENGO STREET, NEW  
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; LOUIS B. RABORN, AGE FIFTY TWO, RESIDENCE  
UNKNOWN, RECENTLY TRANSFERRED WITH GE SUPPLY COMPANY, LITTLE  
ROCK, ARKANSAS: GLEN T. RABORN, AGE FIFTY FOUR, ONE ZERO THREE  
THREE ZERO HOLLYGLEN, HOUSTON; SISTERS, MRS. W. A. PAREN  
ROWENA INPAREN, MILLER, SIXTY, TWIM OF ROWEN, FOUR THREE  
ONE SEVEN DE MILO STREET, HOUSTON: MRS. NICHOLAS PAREN MARY  
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ELIZABETH INPAREN MYLINKI, FIFTY, FOUR THREE SIX, GLENDALE ROAD, WICOFF, NEW JERSEY. GENE ROOT LOCKHEED CORPORATION, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF APPOINTEE. RABORN LISTED PERSONAL REFERENCES AS D. L. MC DONALD, CHIEF OF NAVY OPERATIONS, AND FRED KORTH, FORMER SECRETARY OF NAVY, BOTH WASHINGTON, D. C. ALL OFFICES VERIFY RESIDENCE OF RELATIVES THROUGH ACTIVE INVESTIGATION BUT CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY AND CONDUCT CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT SACRAMENTO, OBTAIN CHILDRENS ADDRESSES FROM AEROJET GENERAL, SACRAMENTO. AT SUNNYVALE INTERVIEW GENE ROOT, LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW D. L. MC DONALD, CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. NAVY AND LOCATE AND ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW FRED KORTH, FORMER SECRETARY OF NAVY THROUGH LIAISON.

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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (161-820)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI, BUDED APRIL NINETEEN NEXT.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN INSTANT AND CONFIRMING  
SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION LOCKHEED, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED THAT  
ADMIRAL H. SIDES HAD DEPARTED AND IS ENROUTE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW CARE OF LOCKHEED, BURBANK.

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MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

WILLAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SI. BUDED: APRIL NINETEEN,  
SIXTY FIVE.

RE: BUREAU TEL TO WFO, ET AL, APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTY FIVE.

HOUSTON TEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE.

NO ARREST RECORD, HOUSTON DIVISION FOR BERL M. RABORN  
OR ROWAN C. RABORN. CREDIT RECORDS, SATISFACTORY.

BERL M. RABORN RESIDES ONE ZERO ONE SANDALWOOD,  
HOUSTON. ROWAN C. RABORN LEFT BEAUMONT, TEXAS, PRIOR TO  
APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN AND BELIEVED RESIDING IN  
LAKE CHARLES<sup>E</sup>, LA.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS 161-211

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED FOUR  
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.

REBUTEL FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE AND HOUSTON TEL TO NEW  
ORLEANS FOUR SIXTEEN SIXTYFIVE.

REVIEW OF POLK/S NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORIES BY SAA

ON APRIL FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE, DETERMINED A CHARLES

B. RABORN AND WIFE, LUCILLE, IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE RESIDED  
TWO ZERO THREE TWO KERFOOT, NEW ORLEANS, LA. CITY DIRECTORIES  
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR LIST CHARLES B. RABORN AND  
WIFE LUCILLE AS RESIDENTS OF FOUR FLAMINGO STREET, NEW ORLEANS,  
LA. DIRECTORIES FOR ALL YEARS LIST CHARLES B. RABORN/S EMPLOYMENT  
AS GENERAL <sup>ELECTRIC</sup> SUPPLY COMPANY OR GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA. NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR DIRECTORY LISTS EMPLOYMENT AS  
DISTRICT MANAGER, GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CHECKS BY IC  ON APRIL  
FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., DETERMINED INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

CREDIT BUREAU OF NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED  
CHARLES B. RABORN AND WIFE LUCILLE, HAVE CREDIT RATING OF PROMPT,  
PAID AS AGREED AND NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION. CHARLES B. RABORN

EN CORR LINE 12 SHLD READ

AS GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.

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WAS LISTED AS A WHITE MALE BORN NINETEEN ZERO SIX AND MANAGER OF GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

[REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT IDENT. BUREAU AND [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORD ROOM ADVISED THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORDS IDENTIFIABLE WITH CHARLES B. RABORN OR HIS WIFE LUCILLE.

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[REDACTED], LIGHTING SPECIALIST, GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., NEW ORLEANS, LA., ON APRIL SIXTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE ADVISED SAA [REDACTED], HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH CHARLES B. RABORN FOR MORE THAN TWENTYFIVE YEARS AND IN ADDITION WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM THROUGH BUSINESS. [REDACTED] STATED RABORN IS CURRENTLY SALES MANAGER OF SALES AND DISTRIBUTION DEPT. GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., NEW ORLEANS, LA., AND RESIDES AT FOUR FLAMINGO ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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ON APRIL SIXTEEN SIXTY FIVE, SA [REDACTED] THROUGH SUPERVISOR MILDRED WALTON, LAKE CHARLES, LA., CREDIT BUREAU, LEARNED ROWEN C. RABORN, [REDACTED] WHOSE OCCUPATION

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WAS LISTED AS MANAGER OF SALES, GENERAL ELECTRIC, RESIDED  
TWO SEVEN TWO E. PARKWAY, LAKE CHARLES, LA., FROM NINETEEN FIFTY  
SEVEN TO FIFTY NINE AND AS OF JANUARY, FIFTY NINE RESIDED ONE  
FIVE SIX MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

FILES OF LAKE CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CALCASIEU  
PARISH SHERIFF/S OFFICE, IDENT . BUREAU, LAKE CHARLES, CONTAINED NO  
RECORD IN THE NAMES OF ROWEN C. OR  RABORN.

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REPORT FOLLOWS.

SAN ANTONIO BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY

FROM DALLAS (161-272) 2P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: APRIL  
NINETEEN, NEXT.

REBUTEL APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN, WIFE, THELMA, BROTHER OF APPOINTEE,  
NOW RESIDING SIX FIVE THREE SIX HIGH DRIVE, SHAWNEE MISSION,  
KANSAS.

A SEARCH OF CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, AS WELL AS  
CREDIT BUREAU AND OTHER SOURCES, FAILED TO REFLECT PARENTS OF  
APPOINTEE LIVING IN DALLAS.

FOR INFO OF KANSAS CITY, WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED RUSH  
INVESTIGATION OF RABORN, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO SUCCEED JOHN A. MC CONE AS DIRECTOR OF CIA. BORN JUNE EIGHT,  
NINETEEN ZERO FIVE, DECATUR, TEXAS, AND RESIDES THREE ONE FIVE  
MADELINE DR., PASADENA, CALIF. HE RETIRED FROM U. S. NAVY  
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND IS VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT,  
AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION, AZUSA, CALIF. OTHER BACKGROUND

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NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE RABORN WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU  
APPROVAL. TELETYPE SUMMARIES CONTAINING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION  
IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION MUST REACH BUREAU WITHOUT  
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TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (161-163) (P)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED APRIL  
NINETEEN, NEXT

RE BUTEL TO WFO ETAL FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTY FIVE.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON FOUR SIXTEEN SIXTYFIVE.

CHECKS MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA WATER DEPT. REFLECT

WILLIAM A. MILLER RESIDED THREE ZERO NINE ARNOLD, MIDWEST CITY NINE  
EIGHT FORTYEIGHT TO SEVEN SEVENTEEN FIFTYTWO. CITY DIRECTORIES NINETEEN  
FORTYNINE DASH NINETEEN FIFTY OKLAHOMA CITY REFLECT MILLER EMPLOYED  
ACACIA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

[REDACTED], ACACIA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
TWO EIGHT ONE FOUR FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, ADVISED MILLER

EMPLOYED THIS COMPANY UNTIL NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN HE MOVED TO  
HOUSTON, TEXAS, WITH HIS WIFE FNU NOT CERTAIN, BUT AKA SID. SHE STATED

SHE RECEIVED CHRISTMAS CARD FROM MILLER DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WITH  
RETURN ADDRESS BOX ONE ZERO FIVE EIGHT FIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, SEVEN  
SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT. MILLER'S WIFE, SID, BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH  
RABORN'S SISTER, ROWENA MILLER, PREVIOUS ADDRESS THREE ZERO NINE

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ARNOLD, MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ADVISED THEY COULD LOCATE NO  
RECORD REGARDING WILLIAM A. MILLER OR ROWENA MILLER: CARL H. TYLER  
CHIEF, MIDWEST CITY PD; LUCILLE AUSTERLITZ, CLERK, MIDWEST CITY  
CREDIT BUREAU; [REDACTED], OCPD; [REDACTED],  
IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, OKLAHOMA CITY SHERIFF OFFICE; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], OKLAHOMA CITY CREDIT BUREAU.

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HOUSTON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION FOR WILLIAM A. MILLER  
AND ROWENA MILLER. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR. *DB* DATE: April 16, 1965

FROM : R. H. HAYNES *RAH*

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. RABORN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

*Clewell*  
*Young*

On April 16, 1965, Liaison Agent Haynes interviewed Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance concerning Admiral Raborn. Mr. Vance stated that he first met Admiral Raborn in about 1957 and saw him occasionally during the period 1957 to 1961, at which time he, Vance, came to the Pentagon. Since 1961 he has worked with Admiral Raborn in connection with the Polaris missile program and when Raborn was Director of Research and Development for the Navy. He stated he knows him both socially and professionally and holds him in the highest regard. Mr. Vance stated he would recommend Admiral Raborn without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

## ACTION:

For the information of the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section. *L*

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1-Mr. Cleveland, Attn.: Mr. D. H. Young  
1-Liaison  
1-Mr. Haynes

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TITLE OF CASE  O WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA REESE H. CHIPMAN	TYPED BY kt
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## Copy to:

Report of: SA REESE H. CHIPMAN Office: Seattle, Washington  
Date: April 16, 1965  
Field Office File No.: 161-239 Bureau File No.:  
Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

HENRY M. JACKSON, United States Senator, State of Washington, advised he has known RABORN well since late 1955 and considers him a man of exceptional capability and eminently qualified for the position of Director of CIA. JACKSON stated there is no question concerning RABORN's loyalty, integrity, associates, and character and JACKSON recommends him highly.

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DETAILS:

On April 16, 1965, HENRY M. JACKSON, United States Senator, State of Washington, 802 U.S. Court House Building, Seattle, Washington, furnished the following information.

He may have met WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. two or three times prior to 1955, but did not become well acquainted with him until approximately late 1955 when RABORN assumed management of the Polaris Submarine Program. RABORN subsequently was in charge of Navy Research and Development.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, JACKSON had numerous contacts with RABORN, both official and social.

He described RABORN as a man of "exceptional judgment" and "outstanding scientific comprehension" and declared RABORN is exceedingly capable as "an organizer of large undertakings."

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Senator JACKSON believes RABORN to be a man of unquestioned loyalty, character, and integrity and said RABORN is eminently qualified to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, which JACKSON considers a most sensitive position.



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TO: NEW ORLEANS

FROM: HOUSTON (161-201)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED  
APRIL NINETEEN, NEXT.

RE: BUREAU TELETYPE DATED APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.  
INVESTIGATION BEAUMONT REFLECTS ROWEN C. RABORN  
LAST KNOWN RESIDING TWO SEVEN TWO EAST PARKWAY, LAKE  
CHARLES, LOUISIANA, IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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TO: SAN ANTONIO

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (161-211)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:  
APRIL NINETEEN, NEXT.

BY TELETYPE ~~BUREAU ADVISED~~ ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, <sup>BUREAU ADVISED</sup>  
THAT WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED RUSH INVESTIGATION OF RABORN,  
WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED JOHN A.  
MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF CIA. BORN JUNE EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO FIVE,  
DECATUR, TEXAS, AND RESIDES THREE ONE FIVE MADELINE DRIVE,  
PASADENA, CALIF. HE RETIRED FROM U.S. NAVY NINETEEN SIXTY  
THREE AND IS VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, AREOJET DASH  
GENERAL CORPORATION, AZUSA, CALIF. OTHER BACKGROUND  
DATA IN WHO/S WHO.

ASSIGN TO EXPERIENCED AND SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL.  
CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE RABORN WITHOUT  
PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL. TELETYPE SUMMARIES CONTAINING RESULTS  
OF INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION MUST  
REACH BUREAU WITHOUT FAIL BY COB WASHINGTON TIME APRIL  
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INVESTIGATION LAKE CHARLES, LA. <sup>Today</sup> REFLECTED  
APPLICANT/S BROTHER ROWEN C. RABORN, [REDACTED] WHO  
WAS EMPLOYED AS MANAGER OF SALES, GENERAL ELECTRIC, LAKE  
CHARLES, LA., RESIDED TWO SEVEN TWO EAST PARKWAY, LAKE  
CHARLES, FROM NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN TO NINETEEN FIFTY NINE,  
AND AS OF JANUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, RESIDED ONE FIVE  
SIX MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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SAN ANTONIO CONDUCT CREDIT AND IDENT AND VERIFY  
RESIDENCE BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.

BUREAU ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>TAMPA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>4/17/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/17/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>jaf</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	b6 b7C

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Teletype to Director from WFO dated 4/16/65;  
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Field Office File No.: TP 161-216

Bureau File No.:

Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Admiral WALTER G. SCHINDLER, USN Retired, Sarasota, Fla., stated had close official and social contact with RABORN from 1930 to 1958. Commented very favorably concerning character, loyalty, reputation, moral character and ability. Recommended highly.

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DETAILSAT SARASOTA, FLORIDAAssociates

Vice Admiral WALTER G. SCHINDLER, U.S. Navy Retired, 3615 Mineola Drive, Sarasota, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 17, 1965, he has known Admiral WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., since about 1930. He first met Admiral RABORN when both were assigned to the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., and they had numerous assignments together subsequently. Admiral SCHINDLER said they became close friends and had considerable social contacts, as well as official. Admiral SCHINDLER said he has not had contact with Admiral RABORN since 1958. Admiral SCHINDLER further stated he does not know

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Admiral RABORN's family, nor does he have any information concerning his background. He said he has the highest regard for Admiral RABORN's integrity and ability, and he considers him to be unquestionably loyal to the United States and absolutely honest and trustworthy. He said Admiral RABORN has enjoyed a spotless reputation during the time he has known him and he is a person of high moral values and excellent character.

Admiral SCHINDLER characterized Admiral RABORN as being a very thorough individual and a tolerant disciplinarian with excellent executive ability.

He recommended Admiral RABORN highly for a position of trust.

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REPORTING OFFICE OKLAHOMA CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 4/17/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/16/65
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161-163

Bureau File No.:

Title:

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

RABORN's sister, ROWENA MILLER, moved to Houston, Texas, 1952. No credit or arrest record located regarding ROWENA MILLER or her husband, WILLIAM A. MILLER.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation at Oklahoma City and Midwest City, Oklahoma, was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 16, 1965:

[REDACTED] Midwest City Water Department, Midwest City, advised that WILLIAM A. MILLER was a subscriber to water at 309 Arnold Drive, Midwest City, between September 8, 1948, and July 17, 1952.

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City directories of Oklahoma City for the years 1949 and 1950 were reviewed and reflected that WILLIAM A. MILLER was employed by Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED] Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company, 2814 First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, advised WILLIAM A. MILLER was employed with this company until approximately 1952 when he left and with his wife, whose nickname was "Syd" and whose first name she is not certain of, moved to Houston, Texas. She said she received a Christmas card from the MILLERS in December, 1964, and this card reflected a return address of Box 10585, Houston, Texas, 77018.



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The following individuals were contacted and each advised they could locate no record of RABORN's sister, ROWENA MILLER, or his brother-in-law, WILLIAM A. MILLER:

CARL H. TYLER, Chief, Midwest City Police Department;  
[REDACTED] Midwest City Credit Bureau;  
[REDACTED] Oklahoma City Police Department;  
[REDACTED] Identification Officer, Oklahoma  
County Sheriff's Office;  
[REDACTED] Oklahoma City Credit Bureau.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HARRY C. BELK</b>	TYPED BY <b>fac</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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Report of: SA HARRY C. BELK  
Date: April 17, 1965  
Field Office File #: 161-184  
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Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY  
Synopsis: Congressman L. MENDEL RIVERS, Charleston, S. C., describes RABORN as great American.

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DETAILS:

On April 17, 1965, Congressman L. MENDEL RIVERS, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, United States House of Representatives, was interviewed at Charleston, South Carolina. Congressman RIVERS stated that he has been closely associated with WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., both personally and officially for approximately ten years. He described RABORN as a great American whose character, loyalty and associations are without question. He stated the President of the United States is to be congratulated on the wisdom of his choice and the United States will be the beneficiary of it. He is honored to recommend RABORN.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAN ANTONIO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 4/19/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/19/65
TITLE OF CASE  WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA JOSEPH E. JONES	TYPED BY njs
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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## Report of:

SA JOSEPH E. JONES

Office: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

## Date:

April 19, 1965

## Field Office File #:

161-240

## Bureau File #:

## Title:

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

## Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

ROWEN C. RABORN employed as salesman General Electric Company for approximately 25 years, now resides 2622 Friar Tuck Road, San Antonio, Texas. His father, WILLIAM F. RABORN, SR., very elderly and retired, died about 1½ years ago. His mother, CORNELIA V. RABORN resides 434 Brees Boulevard, San Antonio. Satisfactory credit record and no arrest record located at San Antonio, Texas, for ROWEN C. RABORN and wife, SELMA. No credit record located for parents. No arrest record for ROWEN C. RABORN, wife, or children.

*Parents*

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DETAILS:AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXASRELATIVES

The current San Antonio City Directory reflects that ROWEN C. RABORN, wife SELMA, is employed by General Electric Company and resides at 2622 Friar Tuck Road. It lists CORNELIA RABORN, widow of W. F. RABORN, residing 434 Brees Boulevard.

On April 19, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Major Appliances Division, General

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Electric Company, 1211 North Hackberry, advised ROWEN C. RABORN is a salesman who has been employed by that company for approximately 25 years. He now resides 2622 Friar Tuck Road.

[redacted] advised that RABORN's father, who was very elderly and retired, died about 1½ years ago and that his mother still resides at 434 Brees Boulevard, San Antonio. [redacted] said that not only ROWEN C. RABORN but also the other members of his family enjoy the best reputations.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]

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On April 19, 1965, [redacted] Reporter, San Antonio Retail Merchants Association, advised that they have a record for ROWEN C. RABORN and wife, SELMA, 2622 Friar Tuck Road, San Antonio. This record indicates RABORN formerly resided at 156 Morningside Drive, San Antonio, and is currently employed with General Electric Corporation, with whom he has been employed for approximately 25 years. Records indicate that RABORN, in connection with his occupation, was transferred to San Antonio in 1958 from Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he resided at 272 E. Parkway. [redacted] advised that RABORN was originally put on file with the San Antonio Credit Bureau in January, 1959, and his credit dealings were last checked up in October, 1962. [redacted] produced credit reports from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Beaumont, Texas, (no data available regarding residence in this city), which are both termed completely satisfactory. San Antonio credit record also termed satisfactory and contains no unfavorable information.

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[redacted] advised that he could locate no identifiable credit record in the files of that agency for RABORN's parents, WILLIAM F. RABORN, SR. and CORNELIA V. RABORN.

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On April 19, 1965, [redacted] Identification Bureau, San Antonio Police Department, advised that a search of the records of that department failed to produce any identifiable arrest record for ROWEN C. RABORN, his wife, or parents.



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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>4/19/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/19/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA LOUIS M. KELLEY</b>	TYPED BY <b>acn</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

**REFERENCE:** Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and other offices dated 4/16/65.  
 Kansas City teletype dated 4/19/65.  
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SA LOUIS M. KELLEY

Office: Little Rock

Date:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

LOUIS B. RABORN, who has leased the appliance department of Blass Co., Little Rock, and resides 5305 Crestwood, Little Rock, has satisfactory credit record and no arrest record, Little Rock.

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DETAILS:

Credit and arrest checks made by Investigative  
Clerk [REDACTED]

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RELATIVE

[REDACTED] General Electric Supply Company, 1901 East 17th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised on April 19, 1965, that LOUIS B. RABORN has never been employed by General Electric in Little Rock. He was formerly employed by General Electric in New Orleans, Louisiana, would be known as BARNEY RABORN, and recently came to Little Rock to work in the appliance section of either Pfeifers or Blass Department Store.

[REDACTED] Gus Blass Department Store, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised on April 19, 1965, that the appliance department of that store was a leased department and that it was taken over by BARNEY RABORN, whose correct name was listed by them as LOUIS B. RABORN on July 1, 1964. She advised Mr. RABORN has been with the store since that time. He came to Little Rock, Arkansas, from Kansas City, Missouri, where he was employed as a Field Representative by the General Electric Company. His present address is 5305 Crestwood, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Greater Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised on April 19, 1965, that a check of her records reflect that LEWIS B. RABORN, 5305 Southwood, Little Rock, Arkansas, and wife THELMA, have been known to the files since September 21, 1945, and have a satisfactory credit rating.

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On April 19, 1965, the following individuals advised that a check of their respective records failed to reveal a record for LOUIS B. RABORN or LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN:

Captain [REDACTED], Arkansas State Police,  
Little Rock, Arkansas;

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Sergeant [REDACTED], Little Rock Traffic Bureau;

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[REDACTED] Little Rock Police Department;  
[REDACTED] North Little Rock Municipal Court,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas; b6  
[REDACTED] North Little Rock Police Department; b7C  
[REDACTED] Deputy, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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FBI-HOUSTON

1229PM CST URGENT 4-19-65 LXS

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: HOUSTON (161-201) 1P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED  
APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, ET AL, DATED APRIL FOURTEEN,  
LAST; LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SIXTEEN,  
LAST; OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SIXTEEN,  
LAST.

ARREST CHECKS, HOUSTON, NEGATIVE, RE GLENN T. RABORN,  
ROWENA C. AND WILLIAM A. MILLER. RABORN RESIDES ONE ZERO  
THREE THREE ZERO HOLLYGLEN, HOUSTON. MILLERS RESIDE FOUR  
THREE ONE SEVEN DE MILO, HOUSTON.

CREDIT CHECK SATISFACTORY FOR GLENN T. RABORN. MILLERS  
HAVE TEN PAST DUE MEDICAL BILLS ON RECORD AT CREDIT BUREAU.  
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FBI KAN CITY

11-56 AM CST URGENT 4-19-65 CAW

TO DIRECTOR AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM KANSAS CITY 161-280 1 P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED APRIL  
NINETEEN INSTANT.

RE DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY APR SIXTEEN LAST.  
RETEL REFLECTS LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN, WIFE THELMA, BROTHER  
OF APPOINTEE, PRESENTLY RESIDING SIX FIVE THREE SIX HIGH DRIVE,  
SHAWNEE-MISSION, KS.

INV. BY KANSAS CITY REFLECTS LOUIS RABORN PRESENTLY  
RESIDING FIVE THREE ZERO FIVE SOUTHWOOD, LITTLE ROCK, AND  
AFFILIATED WITH BLASS APPLIANCES.

FOR INFO LITTLE ROCK, WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED RUSH INV.  
OF RABORN, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED JOHN  
A. MC CONE AS DIRECTOR OF CIA.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS TELETYPE SUMMARIES CONTAINING RESULTS OF  
INV. IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION MUST REACH BUREAU WITHOUT  
FAIL BY COB WASHINGTON TIME THIS DATE.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY KANSAS CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS 191655

MR. CLEVELAND  
 ROOM 1248

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI, BUDED APRIL 19, INSTANT.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL APRIL 15, LAST.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION ST. LOUIS. CORRECT STATUS  
 OF REFERENCED TELETYPE TO RUC.

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TO BUREAU

FROM LITTLE ROCK (64-92) 2P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT AND KANSAS  
TEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

[REDACTED], PERSONNEL DEPT., BLASS CO., LITTLE ROCK,  
ARK., ADVISED SA LOUIS M. KELLEY ON APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT,  
THAT APPLIANCE DEPT. OF THAT STORE WAS LEASED TO LOUIS B.  
(BARNEY) RABORN JULY ONE LAST AND HE HAS BEEN WITH THE  
STORE SINCE THAT TIME. HE CAME TO LITTLE ROCK FROM  
KANSAS CITY, MO., AND PRESENT ADDRESS IS FIVE THREE ZERO  
FIVE CRESTWOOD, LITTLE ROCK.

[REDACTED], CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER LITTLE  
ROCK, ADVISED IC [REDACTED] ON APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT,  
HER RECORDS REFLECT LEWIS BERNARDT RABORN, FIVE THREE ZERO  
FIVE SOUTHWOOD, LITTLE ROCK, AND WIFE THELMA, HAVE BEEN  
KNOWN TO HER FILES SINCE SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE,  
AND HAVE A SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING.

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FOLLOWING ADVISED IC [REDACTED] ON APRIL NINETEEN  
INSTANT A CHECK OF THEIR RECORDS FAILED TO REVEAL A RECORD  
FOR LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN: [REDACTED], ASPOL;  
SGT. [REDACTED] LITTLE ROCK TRAFFIC BUREAU; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], LITTLE ROCK PD,; [REDACTED], NORTH LITTLE ROCK  
MUNICIPAL COURT; [REDACTED], NORTH LITTLE ROCK PD; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], DEPUTY, PULASKI COUNTY SO, LITTLE ROCK.

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FROM SAN ANTONIO 161-240/ 2-PGS

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED COB TODAY.

MR. TOLSON  
ROOM 1246

TODAY [REDACTED] MAJOR APPLIANCES

DIVISION, GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, ONE TWO ONE ONE NORTH HACKBERRY, SAN ANTONIO, ADVISED ROWEN C. RABORN HAS BEEN SALESMAN FOR GE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN [REDACTED] SECTION AND RESIDES TWO SIX TWO TWO FRIAR TUCK ROAD, SAN ANTONIO.

RABORN/S FATHER, WILLIAM F. RABORN, SR. WHO WAS ELDERLY AND RETIRED DIED ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO. HIS MOTHER, CORNELIA V. RABORN RESIDES FOUR THREE FOUR BRES BLVD, SAN ANTONIO. [REDACTED] SAID

THAT ROWEN C. RABORN, WHO HE HAS KNOWN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY AS WELL AS RABORN/S PARENTS, ENJOY THE BEST REPUTATIONS, CHARACTERS, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY.

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TODAY [REDACTED] REPORTER, SAN ANTONIO RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, ADVISED ROWEN C. RABORN, WIFE SELMA, TWO SIX TWO TWO

FRIAR TUCK FORMERLY RESIDED ONE FIVE SIX MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, BOTH SAN ANTONIO, HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY GE CORPORATION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS. RABORN TRANSFERRED TO SAN ANTONIO IN NINETEEN FIFTY-  
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EIGHT FROM LAKE CHARLES, LA. WHERE HE RESIDED TWO SEVEN TWO EAST PARKWAY. CREDIT REPORTS FROM LAKE CHARLES LA. AND BEAUMONT, TEX. NO DATA AVAILABLE RE RESIDENCE THERE/ REFLECT CREDIT COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY. PLACED ON RECORD IN SAN ANTONIO JANUARY FIFTYNINE. CREDIT DEALINGS LAST CHECKED IN OCTOBER, SIXTYTWO AND WERE SATISFACTORY AND CONTAINED NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION. NO CREDIT RECORD LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH PARENTS, WILLIAM F. RABORN, SR. AND CORNELIA V. RABORN.

TODAY [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, SAN ANTONIO PD, ADVISED NO RECORD OF ANY ARRESTS LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH RABORN/S BROTHER, SISTER/IN/ LAW OR PARENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE /161-168/

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MR. CLEVELAND  
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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI, BUDED APRIL NINETEEN,

INSTANT.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL FRANK D. WAGNER, THREE ONE EIGHT BREMEN, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, ADVISED WHILE HE WAS COMMANDING OFFICER OF FLEET AIR, WEST COAST, RABORN SERVED UNDER HIM AS OPERATIONS OFFICER, FROM ABOUT JUNE, FORTYEIGHT, TO JUNE, FORTYNINE. THIS WAS ONLY TIME THEY HAD MILITARY SERVICE TOGETHER BUT HAS HAD SOCIAL CONTACT WITH RABORN SINCE THAT TIME. HE DESCRIBED RABORN AS EFFICIENT, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, ZEALOUS, QUIET, COMPLETELY LOYAL, WHO IS A PERSON OF HIGHEST TYPE CHARACTER AND ASSOCIATIONS, WHO HANDLED HIS JOB EASILY AND HAS UNQUESTIONED ABILITIES, HE SAID THAT THERE IS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ADMIRAL RABORN/S BACKGROUND.

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ASSOCIATIONS AND CHARACTER AND HE RECOMMENDS HIM  
FOR THE POSITION IN QUESTION.

ADMIRAL WAGNER WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA HOWARD W. GIBBS  
ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM TAMPA (161-216)

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI.

MR. CLEVELAND  
 ROOM 1246

RE WFO TEL APRIL 16 LAST.

ADMIRAL WALTER G. SCHINDLER, USN RETIRED, SARASOTA, FLORIDA, STATED HAD CLOSE OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL CONTACT WITH RABORN FROM 1930 TO 1958. COMMENTED VERY FAVORABLE CONCERNING CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, MORAL CHARACTER AND ABILITY. RECOMMENDED HIGHLY, REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FBI DALLAS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS (161-272)(1P)

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI, BUDED APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

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MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

BIRTH RECORDS, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS, CONTAIN RECORD OF  
UNNAMED MALE CHILD , BORN JUNE EIGHT ZERO FOUR, WISE COUNTY,  
FATHER WILL RAYBORN, MOTHER CORNELIA RAYBORN.

U.S. SENATOR JOHN G. TOWER, STATED HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE  
AND UNCONDITIONALLY RECOMMENDS RABORN FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.  
TOWER SAID APPOINTEE ENJOYS GOOD REPUTATION, GOOD CHARACTER,  
IS ABSOLUTELY LOYAL AND DESCRIBED HIM AS QUOTE TOP NOTCH UNQUOTE  
AND IN HIS OPINION, HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF CIA , IS THE  
BEST APPOINTMENT THE PRESIDENT HAS EVER MADE.

NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL RECORD LOCATED FOR WILLIAM FRANCIS,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS, JR., OR CORNELIA RABORN, DECATUR, TEXAS.

GLEN T. RABORN HAD SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING, GAINESVILLE,  
TEXAS, NO CRIMINAL , THAT CITY.

LOUIS B. RABORN, WIFE, THELMA, BROTHER OF APPOINTEE, HAD JUN 8 1965  
SATISFACTORY CREDIT, DALLAS NO CRIMINAL. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH C. MOORE</b>	TYPED BY <b>MFM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPI</b>	

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: KENNETH C. MOORE  
Date: April 19, 1965

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File No.: 161-359

Bureau File No.:

Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Associate, Retired Vice Admiral FREDERICK W. MC MAHON, Reef Club, Naples, Fla., has been well acquainted with appointee for past 13 years. Appointee was his Chief of Staff. MC MAHON recommends appointee wholeheartedly as to loyalty, character, reputation and associations. MC MAHON has the highest regard for his ability and knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably against appointee.

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DETAILS:Associate

On April 16, 1965, Retired Vice Admiral FREDERICK W. MC MAHON, Reef Club, Naples, Florida, advised that he first became acquainted with WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., the appointee, about thirteen years ago, when both were serving in the U. S. Navy and appointee was his Chief of Staff.

He stated they have maintained contact with each other through the years and Admiral MC MAHON is still well acquainted with appointee and his family.

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Admiral MC MAHON said that appointee's outstanding ability and competence could be attested to by the responsible positions he has held in the Navy.

He stated he considered appointee to be absolutely honest, trustworthy and conscientious and recommended him wholeheartedly as to loyalty, character, reputation and associations.

He said he knew nothing that would reflect unfavorably against appointee.

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Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: References and associates recommend RABORN as a man of intelligence and great ability, unquestioned character, morals and loyalty. RABORN's son, residence, Sacramento, California, area, enjoys satisfactory credit standing. No credit record located for RABORN's daughter and son-in-law, also residing Sacramento area. No police record located.

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## DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM J. SLATTERY:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Admiral FRED I. ENTWISTLE, (Retired), The Bohemian Club, 1000 Mason Street, on April 19, 1965, advised he has known Admiral RABORN for more than 20 years. He stated RABORN was in the class of 1929, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, while he, ENTWISTLE, was in the class of 1921, hence a few years senior to RABORN. Admiral ENTWISTLE stated his first close contact with RABORN was in 1944 when he was Chief of Naval Operations and ENTWISTLE was head of the Naval Bureau of

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... following is a summary of the information received from the Naval Ordnance. This association continued until 1945, when ENTWISTLE went to sea for a year, was resumed again in 1946 with RABORN's association with the Research Division, Naval Ordnance Bureau. In 1949 Admiral ENTWISTLE tried to get RABORN to head a project for Naval Ordnance, but RABORN had been scheduled for sea duty. Admiral ENTWISTLE said the last time he had official contact with Admiral RABORN was in about 1952 when the ship which Admiral RABORN was commanding was being outfitted with radar and special equipment, but he saw RABORN in about 1956 for a short social meeting in Washington, D.C. Since that time there has been no official contact. Admiral ENTWISTLE said there would be no hesitation on his part in seeing Admiral RABORN as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, which he stated was the post for which RABORN was being investigated. Admiral ENTWISTLE said that he had seen the newspaper publicity and had conferred with numerous other retired Naval officers and all have expressed great pleasure at the choice of RABORN, because they consider him well qualified for international intelligence due to his excellent record as a Naval officer.

On April 11, 1954, Rear Admiral (Ret.) RABORN said:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
GEORGE W. SMITH:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

On April 19, 1965, Dr. HAROLD J. COKELEY, Rear Admiral, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, advised that he has known Admiral RABORN since about 1955, RABORN then being the Captain of the USS BENNINGTON and he married the head nurse of Bethesda Hospital. Dr. COKELEY has had a rather close social acquaintance with him and his wife lasting to the present time. They have never been on official duty together. Admiral RABORN is described as outgoing and personable, very well liked by the people who have worked for him. His personal life is exemplary in every way. He is a forceful and effective leader and a great American; the country owes him a great deal for the work on the Polaris Missile Submarine development. Dr. COKELEY stated that he has known Mrs. RABORN for many years. She is Admiral RABORN's strong right arm and a highly reputable woman.

On April 16, 1965, Rear Admiral (Retired) FRANK AKERS was interviewed at his home, 5932 Estates Drive. He has known Admiral RABORN off and on since World War II and served under his command on occasions and has had extensive social contact. Mr. AKERS advised that Admiral RABORN is a fine gentleman, a very able leader, and nothing unfavorable has been noted regarding his personal or social life.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
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AT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA:

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WILLIAM F. WHITMORE, PHD, Special Assistant to the President, Lockheed Missile and Space Company (LMSC) on April 16, 1965 advised that he first met WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. when RABORN was deputy to Admiral JOHN H. SIDES in the middle 1950's and later served as Chief Scientist to Admiral RABORN from February, 1956 to July 1, 1959 during which period RABORN was in charge of the Naval Polaris Program.

WHITMORE stated that RABORN is highly regarded and respected and has demonstrated his ability, character and loyalty. He advised he would recommend him most highly for any position for which he may be considered.

Mr. MILES HUNTER HUBBARD, retired Rear Admiral and Staff Scientist, LMSC, on April 19, 1965, advised he has known RABORN casually for many years as he was one class ahead of RABORN at the US Naval Academy.

He stated that in the late 1950's, he HUBBARD, served as Deputy Chief and then Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C. in 1958 or 1959, at which time RABORN was in charge of the Naval Polaris Program. He stated they worked closely together during this period in Washington and that he has the highest regard for RABORN's ability and knew of no reason to question his character, loyalty or associates. He stated he would recommend RABORN most highly for any position for which he is considered.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
WARREN W. RICHMOND:

AT PORTOLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

On April 16, 1965, RICHARD W. RUBLE, Vice Admiral, Retired, 35 Granada Court, advised that he was not a close personal associate of the Appointee inasmuch as the Appointee graduated from Annapolis five years prior to Admiral RUBLE's graduation. As a result they were at different stages of their careers in different places until the Korean incident, when the Appointee was a Commander under Admiral RUBLE. Admiral RUBLE advised there was no question whatsoever concerning the Appointee's ability, that he was a dedicated, patriotic officer, and that if a military man should be selected for the position as head of the CIA, Admiral RABORN would be a good choice. Admiral RUBLE stated that he was not sufficiently acquainted with the Appointee to know of his financial circumstances.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
CHARLES F. BRUSCH:

AT NIMBUS, CALIFORNIA

Records of the Aerojet-General Corporation, checked on April 16, 1965, disclosed that WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III, born January 23, 1935 at San Diego, California, has been employed by this corporation since June 8, 1959, and currently is a contract analyst. He resides at 6616 Coral Reef, Citrus Heights, California, with [REDACTED]

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Other records of the Aerojet-General Corporation confirmed that [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] husband of [REDACTED] is employed by [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED]. It was indicated that [REDACTED] is unemployed and that they have three children.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

On April 19, 1965, IC [REDACTED] requested a check of the records of the Retailers Credit Association, 1801 "J" Street, by [REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM F. RABORN, III, has been known to this agency since June, 1959, and has maintained a satisfactory credit rating. [REDACTED] found no record pertaining to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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On April 19, 1965, IC [REDACTED] caused a check of the records of the Sacramento Police Department by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] records of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office by [REDACTED] No record of either WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III, or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was found.

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The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office does the policing for the Carmichael and Citrus Heights areas.

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The following interviews at the Aerojet--General Corporation, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., were conducted on April 16, 1965, by SA ROBERT H. CAHILL:

Admiral R. B. PIRIE, United States Navy (Retired), who is currently Executive Assistant to the President, related that he has known the appointee since they were Midshipment at the United States Naval Academy. Admiral PIRIE noted that he graduated in the class of 1926 and that the appointee was two years behind him, graduating in the class of 1928. He stated that he had not served closely with the appointee after both left the Naval academy until around 1954, but said that after 1954 they served together in the Navy and were in intimate professional contact until 1962 until he, Admiral PIRIE, retired. He noted that the appointee had been instrumental in developing the Navy Polaris Missile Program and had done an outstanding job in this respect.

He said that in addition to normal contact with the appointee during their years together in the Navy and their subsequent service together for this firm, he has known the appointee very well socially. He stated that the appointee is divorced from his first wife, whose name Admiral PIRIE could not recall. He said that he has no idea as to what occasion this divorce, but said that there was no scandal or unfavorable publicity surrounding it. He said that he is aware of the fact that the appointee and his first wife had children but he could not recall their names and said that he does not know where they are today. He stated that the appointee subsequently remarried and that his present wife, MILDRED, is a former Navy nurse.

Admiral PIRIE commented favorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and said that he would recommend him highly for any position of trust and confidence.

Brigadier General RICHARD W. HAYWARD, United States Marine Corps (Retired), a Manager, International Operations, for this firm related that he has known the appointee for 25 years both from professional and social contact. He said that he had known the appointee's first wife only slightly, but is reasonably well acquainted with the appointee's present wife, MILDRED. He said that he does not possess any information concerning the circumstances surrounding the appointee's divorce from his first wife. He noted that the appointee and his first wife had two children, whose names he could not recall.

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General HAYWARD described the appointee as a highly intelligent individual, who had done an outstanding job as a career officer of the United States Navy and he commented favorably concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He said that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

The following interviews at the Martin Marietta Corporation, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., were conducted by SA CAHILL on April 16, 1965:

Mr. GEORGE BUNKER, President, related that he has known the appointee and his wife, MILDRED, for about ten years. He explained that when he first met the appointee the appointee was still on active duty in the United States Navy and it was through the initial professional association that his social friendship with the appointee grew. Mr. BUNKER described the appointee as an intelligent and competent individual who did an outstanding job in developing the Navy Polaris Missile system. He commented favorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Mr. JESS W. SWEETSER, Assistant to the President, related that he has known the appointee for fifteen years. He said that he initially met the appointee at a time when the appointee was still on active duty in the United States Navy. He said their professional association developed into a close social friendship. He said that he is only casually acquainted, however, with the appointee's wife, MILDRED, and has never met any other member of the appointee's family. He described the appointee as an able, intelligent and hard working individual, who has succeeded in the world of private enterprise as well as he had done in the Navy. He commented favorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and said that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence.

On April 16, 1965, Mr. VERNON A. JOHNSON, Vice President-Eastern Region, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, 900 17th Street, N. W., advised SA CAHILL that he has known the appointee since 1955, having met the appointee during the period of time that the appointee was serving on active duty in the United States Navy in the Office of Special Projects. He stated that the appointee was in charge of developing the Polaris Program for the Navy and Mr. JOHNSON explained that his firm was the prime contractor for the Polaris Missile. He stated that because of his

firm's interest in the project and because he had liaison duties with the Navy, he came into close and constant contact with the appointee as regarded policy matters. He said that during this period of time, the Navy Polaris Program was highly secretive and he knows that the appointee is an extremely security conscience individual. He said that the appointee had done an outstanding job in the Polaris Program.

Mr. JOHNSON said that his professional contact with the appointee ripened into a close social friendship. He said that the appointee and his wife, MILDRED, and he and his wife became close friends. He commented favorably concerning the character, associates, reputation and loyalty of the appointee and his wife, MILDRED, and said that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence, describing the appointee as an intelligent, competent and hard working individual.

Mr. JOHN D. SULLIVAN, Attorney, Ring Building, 18th and M Streets, N. W., advised SA CAHILL on April 16, 1965, that he has known the appointee for many years. Mr. SULLIVAN said that from July, 1945 until June, 1946, he served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air and was subsequently Undersecretary of the Navy in 1946 until September, 1947, when he became Secretary of the Navy, serving in this capacity until the Spring of 1949.

Mr. SULLIVAN related that the appointee had done "as thorough and fine a job as I have ever seen" in connection with the appointee's part in the development of the Navy Polaris Missile Program. He stated that the appointee expedited this project so successfully that it was completed well ahead of schedule and that the appointee managed to expedite the program without ever once offending anyone either in or out of the military service.

Mr. SULLIVAN related that he is well acquainted with Mr. JOHN McCONE, having known him intimately for many years. He said that he is aware of the fact that the appointee has been named as the successor to Mr. McCONE as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said that he could not think of a more excellent choice than that of the appointee. He said that he feels that the choice of the appointee for this position is excellent in every respect.

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He said that his contacts with the appointee over the years have been both professional and social in nature. He commented highly concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he said that he would recommend him for any position of trust and confidence without the slightest hesitation or reservation.

On April 16, 1965, Admiral LAWRENCE H. FROST, USN, Retired, 5910 Osceola Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised SA ROBERT E. BEAMS that he has known the appointee for over 20 years due to their mutual association as fellow officers in the USN. He stated that the appointee is one of the greatest leaders that the Navy has ever had, inasmuch as he is that kind of a man that can handle any job under any condition at any time, and has done so for the USN repeatedly. He stated that the appointee is a man of the highest integrity and honesty, and of tremendous mental energy, and shows a deep interest in people and is extremely loyal to them. He stated that he had only the highest regard for the appointee and would recommend him for any position which he has been nominated and for any position for which the Government of the United States would desire to make use of his abilities.

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On April 16, 1965, Admiral ARLEIGH BURKE, U. S. Navy (Retired), 810 18th Street, N.W., advised SA ROBERT H. CAHILL that he has known the appointee since before the outbreak of World War II. Admiral BURKE said, however, that he has come to know the appointee better since after the cessation of hostilities in World War II.

Admiral BURKE related that when he became Chief of Naval Operations in 1955 one of the projects that he undertook to develop was a surface to surface long range missile program. He said that when studies on this program were begun he began to seek a man to head up this particular project which project was more popularly known as the Polaris Missile Program. He said that because of the nature of the work involved he had to find an adaptable person and that this person would be the type who could elicit the cooperation of many people both in and out of the military, in Government and in civilian industry. He said that he sought a man who would be "the driver" and "dove" and one who would command the respect of all with whom he would come in contact. Admiral BURKE stated that he spent one month reviewing the records of every flag officer in the U. S. Navy as well as the records of many captains and commanders. He said that after reviewing all of these records he chose the appointee and picked him because of his Naval record, his high integrity, his capacity for hard work and because of the fact that he had a good family life and an understanding wife who would accept the necessity of the appointee working long hours. He said that he felt at the time that the appointee was a man whose integrity would be respected by all adding that the appointee had sufficient technical knowledge to fulfill the job of developing the Navy Polaris Program.

Admiral BURKE stated that when he gave the appointee the aforementioned job he made it clear to the appointee that it was the whole responsibility of the appointee to develop the program within the period specified. Admiral BURKE stated that at the time the program began failure of the program was quite possible.

Admiral BURKE stated that in selecting the appointee he found that he had made "a hell of a good choice" and the program, thanks to the appointee's efforts, was highly successful.

He stated that the appointee had actually done more than was expected of him, and through his ability and superb management brought the program to a very successful completion prior to the time that the deadline for completion was set. He said the appointee is a man of sound, mature judgment who was able to cut across the chain of Naval Command without irritating or wrangling others.

Admiral BURKE stated that he had not been acquainted with the appointee's first wife but believes that the appointee and the first Mrs. RABORN did have children. He said that the appointee and his present wife, whom he described as an ex-Navy nurse have no children and he described them as a "Navy couple." He said that on one occasion he had met the brother of the appointee whose name he could not recall.

Admiral BURKE commented favorably concerning the character, associates, reputation and loyalty of the appointee and his wife MILDRED, relating that he has continued to see the appointee and had seen him as recently as the evening of April 15, 1965. He said that the appointee while developing the Polaris Program served in the most sensitive position in the Navy. He said that he is aware that the appointee has been named to become the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and he said that he feels that it is an excellent choice, that the appointee will be "good for the country" and that he would recommend him highly for any position of trust and confidence without qualification, reservation or hesitation.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
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Rear Admiral EDWIN B. HOOPER, United States Navy (USN), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Development), Department of the Navy, advised he has known the appointee well since January of 1956, although he had met the appointee briefly prior to that. He stated that this was the time when the appointee took over the operation of the Polaris Program for the Navy. At this time, HOOPER was Assistant Chief of Bureau Ordinance and for this reason worked very closely with the appointee. During this time, he also handled the development of the Polaris Missiles. This close association lasted for approximately two years.

In September of 1962, HOOPER was again assigned to work closely with the appointee until the time the appointee retired in the summer of 1963. HOOPER stated that he has seen and socialized with the appointee several times since the appointee's retirement. He stated that he also socialized a great deal with the appointee during the time the two worked together. He stated that he and the appointee often entertained in each other's homes and attended social functions together. HOOPER stated that he has no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and would be pleased to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government "maintaining the position to which he has just been appointed."

Dr. JOHN B. LOHMAN, Operations Analyst, Center for Naval Analysis, Department of the Navy, advised that he first met the appointee sometime during the early 1950's during which time he, the appointee, was serving as Chief of Staff to Admiral SIDES who at that time was in charge of guided missiles for the Chief of Naval Operations. At that time, LOHMAN was working part of the time for Admiral SIDES. He stated that



roughly, for a period of one year, he worked very closely with the appointee and had close personal contact with him. He stated that there was another period of slightly less personal contact during which he again worked closely with the appointee who still held the same position on Admiral SIDES' staff. LOHMAN stated that he also worked closely with the appointee for a period of approximately three years during the time when the appointee was Director of Special Projects which operated the Polaris Missiles Program. LOHMAN stated he has no reason to question his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government without qualification.

Captain VALDEMAR C. LAMBERT, USN, Assistant Director, Long Range Objectives Group, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, advised he first met the appointee in 1953, when he, LAMBERT, was serving as Executive Officer of the aircraft carrier, Ticondaroga, and the appointee was Captain of the aircraft carrier, Bennington. He stated that he met the appointee at a time when both ships were in the Brooklyn Navy Yard undergoing repairs. He stated that he and the appointee became close friends during 1953 and 1954, when the two ships operated together. LAMBERT stated that he again had occasion to work closely with the appointee during 1955 through 1958, when the Polaris Program was started and the appointee set up the management operations to operate the Polaris Program. He stated that this gave the appointee administrative control over the entire Polaris Program and enabled him to keep abreast of all developments in the component parts of the Polaris Program. During this time, LAMBERT was in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air and worked to a limited extent with the appointee and his staff on matters of mutual interest. He stated he has not seen the appointee since approximately 1958, when he, LAMBERT, departed for approximately six years on another assignment. He stated that he socialized with the appointee during the time that he worked with him and that he had met the appointee's wife, MILDRED, briefly on two occasions. LAMBERT stated that he had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates,

reputation, and loyalty and unhesitatingly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the government. He stated that the appointee was a "dynamic, imaginative man with a great deal of administrative ability; a man of great temperance and great personal integrity."

Captain RICHARD G. SHUTT, USN, Director of the Program, Change Control, Division Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, advised he first met the appointee in 1952, when both were in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and worked closely with the appointee on a daily basis until sometime during 1955. He stated that he again worked with the appointee from October of 1959, until February of 1962, in the Special Projects Office of which the appointee was director. During this time, he had close personal contacts with the appointee on a daily basis. SHUTT stated that he socialized with the appointee quite extensively having been entertained in his home and having entertained the appointee and his wife, MILDRED, in his home. He stated that the appointee's wife, MILDRED, is a very fine lady and is a definite asset to her husband. SHUTT stated he had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and would most definitely recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

Mrs. FRANCES P. BURROUGHS, Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, (Development), Department of the Navy, advised she served as Secretary to the appointee when he served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations from March, 1962, until July, of 1963. She stated that she served as his personal secretary and handled the personal and semiofficial matters of the appointee. She stated that in this position, she worked very closely with the appointee on a daily basis and found him to be an outstanding individual of extremely capable administrative ability. She stated that she had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and would very definitely recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

The following interviews were conducted by  
SA [redacted] on April 19, 1965:

Rear Admiral THOMAS E. CONNOLLY, United States Navy (USN), Acting Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness), Department of the Navy, advised that he has known the appointee since 1943, when the appointee was operating the Naval Aviation Gunnery School at Kaneohe, Oahu. CONNOLLY stated that he flew into the area with a group of patrol bombers and his acquaintance with appointee began at this point. He stated that he has seen appointee off and on for brief periods over the years until 1952. CONNOLLY stated that between 1952 and 1958 he had numerous periodic contacts with appointee regarding missile work inasmuch as he, CONNOLLY, was experimental officer at the Naval Ordnance Testing Center at China Lake, California, and as appointee was also involved in Naval missile work at this time. In 1958, CONNOLLY began a period of increasing association with appointee inasmuch as appointee was then operating the Polaris Missile Program and CONNOLLY was Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Weapons. In this capacity, he worked frequently and closely with appointee. CONNOLLY stated that he has socialized often with both appointee and his wife, MILDRED, and that they have been entertained on numerous occasions in each others homes. He stated that he has seen appointee several times socially since his retirement from the Navy. CONNOLLY stated that appointee had distinguished himself conspicuously during 1955 at which time he was Commanding Officer of the Aircraft Carrier Bennington. He stated that it was during this time that a catapult fire broke out aboard the Bennington approximately 300 miles off the eastern coast of the United States as the Bennington was returning from operations further south. He stated that the Bennington was in the process of launching the aircraft when an extremely large catapult fire broke out. CONNOLLY stated that appointee distinguished himself in the cool and courageous way he handled the extremely dangerous situation. CONNOLLY stated that it was indicative of the ability and courage with which appointee handled this crisis and he not only avoided trouble for himself as commanding officer but was very shortly thereafter promoted. CONNOLLY stated that he had no reason

to question appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and in recommending him for a position of trust and confidence with the government stated that he was a well-balanced, stable individual with an excellent ability for getting along well with people. He stated that it was indeed a pleasure to recommend him for such a position.

Vice Admiral CHARLES B. MARTELL, USN, Director, Antisubmarine Warfare Programs, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, advised that he has known appointee since the two of them attended the United States Naval Academy together in the late 1920's. MARTELL stated that appointee was a member of the class of 1928 and he was a member of the class of 1930. He stated that he has seen appointee off and on during the intervening period between their graduation and 1955. He stated during the period following 1955, MARTELL was involved in research and development operations as well as a certain amount of intelligence work and as a result dealt with appointee to quite a great extent. He stated that he has socialized with appointee and has known his wife, MILDRED, having met her on several different occasions. He stated that she is a very fine lady and a definite asset to her husband. He stated that they have been entertained in each others homes on several occasions as well as other periodic social contacts. He stated he had no reason to question appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and would be pleased to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

Commander ROBERT C. GARDEMAL, USN, Administrative Assistant to Administrative Aide to Rear Admiral THOMAS F. CONNOLLY, advised he first met the appointee in February of 1958, when he went to work under appointee as Public Relations Officer for Special Projects which was headed up by the appointee. He stated that they remained on this assignment until August of 1960. During this time, he worked with appointee on an extremely close personal day-to-day basis. He found him to be extremely hardworking and energetic. He stated that he had no reason to question appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and would unhesitatingly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government, saying that he was a man of the strictest and highest integrity and principle.

The following interviews were conducted by  
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Rear Admiral LEVERING SMITH, Director, Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised on April 16, 1965, he first met Admiral RABORN in 1951 when RABORN was assigned to the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, California, and he (SMITH) was detailed there for several months in connection with a Naval research matter. SMITH continued that in March, 1956, Admiral RABORN, as Director of the Special Projects Office, requested SMITH's services there. SMITH explained that he worked in close association at the Special Projects Office with RABORN until Admiral RABORN left that post in February, 1962. SMITH commented that he was thoroughly impressed with RABORN's capacity for work and his handling of complex matters. SMITH pointed out that he has had occasional social contact with RABORN and his family. He stated that he had the highest praise for appointee's character and reputation and the character and reputation of his associates. SMITH concluded by saying he has no doubt concerning RABORN's loyalty as an American citizen and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

Admiral IGNATIUS R. GALANTIN, Chief of Naval Material, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised on April 16, 1965, his association with RABORN began in 1956 when he (GALANTIN) was Director of Submarine Warfare in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and he had frequent professional contacts with RABORN who at the time was Director of the Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C. GALANTIN stated that their association developed into a warm personal friendship occasioned by numerous social visits between their families. GALANTIN pointed out that he succeeded RABORN as Director of the Special Projects Office on February 27, 1962. He described RABORN as a completely dedicated and loyal American of excellent character, reputation, and associates and concluded by saying he had no reservations concerning RABORN's ability to handle a position of trust.

Rear Admiral F. L. PINNEY, Jr., Inspector General and Assistant Chief for Administration, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised on April 19, 1965, that he first met RABORN when they were shipmates for about one and a half years, during the period



1936-37, aboard the U. S. Navy cruiser "Portland." He explained that from September, 1957, to January, 1960, he served as Deputy Director in the Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, during which time it was headed by RABORN. He evaluated appointee as being uniformly outstanding as a manager and as an administrator, noting in this respect RABORN's success in supervising the Polaris Missile Project, the development of which was handled by the Special Projects Office. He described RABORN as a person of unimpeachable integrity whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. PINNEY was of the opinion RABORN could handle a position of trust and responsibility on the highest level.

Commander WILLIAM H. CATHA, Head, Program Planning Branch, Submarine Missiles Systems Project Office, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised on April 16, 1965, he has known Admiral RABORN since July, 1959, when he reported for duty with the Special Projects Office where RABORN was Director. He noted that he worked closely with RABORN until RABORN left for another assignment in February, 1962. CATHA described appointee as an outstanding administrator with a talent for handling personnel in a manner calculated to produce their best efforts. He stated he has the highest regard for Admiral RABORN as a dedicated, loyal American of excellent character, reputation, and associates. CATHA said he had no reservations regarding RABORN's trustworthiness, noting in this respect that RABORN is capable of handling a position of responsibility on a national level.

Mr. BERNARD H. KAHN, Deputy Director, Plans and Program Division, Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., on April 19, 1965, advised he met RABORN in July, 1956, when he, (KAHN) was assigned to the Special Projects Office as head of the Resources Branch. He explained that in performance of his functions, which was essentially that of Comptroller, he was in almost daily contact with RABORN, the then Director of the Special Projects Office, until RABORN was reassigned in February, 1962. KAHN stated that he has the highest regard for RABORN's ability as a manager and dedication to work, pointing out in the latter respect that RABORN worked long and arduous hours in the performance of his duties. KAHN had the highest praise for RABORN as a completely loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He had no reservations concerning RABORN's ability to cope with a position of trust and responsibility.

On April 19, 1965, Rear Admiral ROY S. BENSON, U. S. Navy, Assistant Vice Chief of Naval Operations, advised SA [redacted] he has known appointee since 1925 when both of them attended the U. S. Naval Academy together. He stated that following the time they graduated from the academy he has only seen appointee occasionally and briefly at different intervals in their careers. He stated that in the period since 1956 he has worked closely in various positions. They were brought together in 1956 by the positions which each held, appointee serving as head of the Polaris Missile Project and BENSON as Commander of the Submarine Force of the Pacific Fleet. BENSON stated that during the last ten years he has worked very closely with the appointee and has socialized with appointee on many occasions. He stated that he considers him a close friend and an extremely able individual. He stated that he has only seen appointee on one occasion since his retirement and this was a social contact. He stated that he has no reason to question appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and would on the contrary have only the finest of comments to make regarding appointee. He stated that he would unhesitatingly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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Dr. ROBERT O. BURNS, Director, Technical Analysis and Advisors Group, Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Development, advised SA [ ] on April 16, 1965, that he has known the appointee since the Spring of 1957. Dr. BURNS stated that at that time the appointee was Director of Special Projects Office and BURNS was in the Office of Naval Research. Dr. BURNS continued that since this time and especially since 1962 when the appointee became Deputy Chief of Naval Operations-Development they had very close professional contact many times on a daily basis. He stated that they have had limited social contact over the years and that he has only seen him infrequently since 1963 when the appointee retired. He described him as an excellent administrator who is experienced in all aspects of Naval affairs, is a very good mixer, likable, straightforward and one who is completely honest and fair in all activities. He stated that he has always had the highest opinion as to his moral character and reputation, that his friends and associates are all reputable, responsible persons as well as loyal American citizens and that he considers the appointee of unquestioned devotion to this country. He stated he could give him only the highest recommendation for any position of trust and responsibility in the service of his country.

Dr. EUGENE G. FUBINI, Deputy Director, Development Research and Engineering, advised SA [ ] on April 16, 1965, that he has known the appointee for approximately five years. Dr. FUBINI advised that he has had very close contact with him first when the appointee was Director of Special Projects and in his more recent post prior to retirement as Director of Research and Engineering. He stated that they took many official business trips together throughout the world and that he has always been most impressed as to his intelligence, administrative and executive ability and his overall knowledge and experience as an Admiral in the Naval Service. He stated that his association has been of a professional nature almost entirely although they have been to joint business-social functions together, and he has only the highest regard for his moral character, reputation and associates and considers him of unquestioned loyalty as an American citizen. Dr. FUBINI recommended the appointee without any hesitation or qualification for an important position of trust and confidence in the Government's service.

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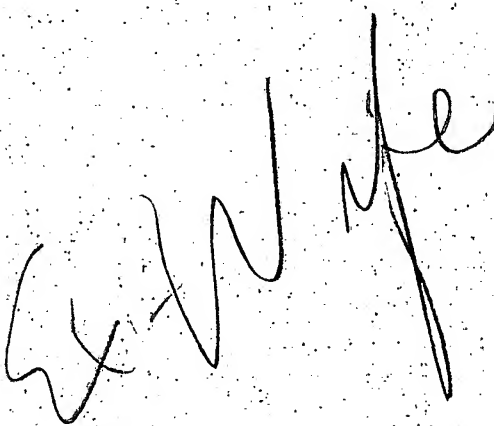
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The following investigation was conducted by  
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Vice Admiral WILLIAM A. SCHOECH, United States Navy Retired, 2338 South Pierce Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised he has known WILLIAM FRANCIS RAYBURN, JR. for the past 41 years as both were students at the United States Naval Academy. He has had close association with the appointee since that time since they have served together on various assignments. They were never shipmates but in 1954 and 1955 Admiral SCHOECH was on the USS Ticondaroga while the appointee was on the USS Bennington. They both saw considerable service together in the Navy Department and appointee was Director of Special Projects for the Navy. At the time he retired he was Deputy Chief of Staff of Naval Operations and Development. He described appointee as having impeccable character and is an outstanding individual. He is entirely honest and extremely intelligent, his loyalty is beyond question and he was well respected by his co-workers. Admiral SCHOECH is acquainted with the appointee's first wife, LEAK VANCE BARNES RAYBURN, and described her as emotionally unstable, stating that this was the reason for their divorce. Appointee had to have considerable psychiatric treatment for the ex-wife due to her emotional problems and they were divorced for reason of incompatibility. He still looks after the children of this first marriage to the best of his ability. Ten years ago he married his present wife who was a retired Naval Commander from the Navy Nurse Corps. Appointee drinks only socially and is very discreet. He recommended him highly for a position of trust and responsibility with the Federal Government.



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On April 19, 1965, Admiral FREDERICK WITHINGTON, Retired U. S. Navy, Consultant, Ordinance Research Institute, Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins Institute, 1400 Spring Street, Silver Spring, Maryland, advised SA LELAND L. HUDSON that he has known the appointee for many years but that he did not become closely acquainted with him until approximately 1955 when the appointee was made the head in Special Projects of the Polaris Program which formerly had been under the Bureau of Ordinance where he, WITHINGTON, was assigned at the time. When the program was turned over to Special Projects he was assigned to the project and from that time on worked extremely close with the appointee whom he feels did an especially fine bit of work in bringing the project to a satisfactory conclusion about eighteen months before the deadline.

Admiral WITHINGTON stated that the appointee has an unusual trait of leadership and command, and he considers him to be the perfect choice for the position of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) inasmuch as he is a man of tremendous mental energy and leadership capabilities. He stated that the appointee enjoys good health even though he is retired on a physical disability and he feels that he can give the agency a tremendous impetus and a lot of life in pursuing its duties for the Government of the United States. He stated that the appointee's wife is a former Navy nurse, that since 1956 or thereabouts he has enjoyed a close social relationship with the appointee and his wife. He stated that he can only recommend him in the highest terms as to his character, associates, reputation and loyalty and for any appointment within the framework of the United States.

On April 19, 1965, Dr. JAMES H. WAKELIN, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1809 45th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., stated that he became closely associated with the appointee in approximately 1959 when he took over Developments in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He stated that in connection with the Polaris Program and in Development the appointee had no peer. He stated that the appointee has the remarkable ability of delegating authority while keeping the basic responsibility and that he saw to it that persons selected to do work under his command would be those who would not trouble him with details and would only contact him for discussions on matters of the highest level. He stated that he has the greatest respect for the appointee as a leader, a man

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who can take command, a man whose moral character is above reproach. He indicated that the appointee was instrumental in making the Special Projects one of the best units in the Navy and that his retirement caused the Navy to lose one of its best executives and leaders.

Dr. WAKELIN stated that when he read in the newspapers of the appointee's nomination for the Directorship of the CIA his first thoughts were "no better man could be selected for this position." He stated that he would recommend the appointee as being the most logical choice for this position and one who would get the most out of the people in the agency because of his own tremendous ability and mental energy.

Captain THOMAS J. RUDDEN, Deputy Manager, Anti-submarine Warfare Systems Project, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] on April 19, 1965, he met RABORN in May, 1960, when he joined the Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., as an Assistant Director, although he pointed out he knew Admiral RABORN by reputation for many years previously during the course of his Naval service. He explained that he worked in close relationship with RABORN until RABORN relinquished the post of Director of the Special Projects Office to assume the position of Chief of Naval Operations. In evaluating RABORN's ability, RUDDEN described RABORN as the "driving force" responsible for the successful development of the Polaris missile by the Special Projects Office. RUDDEN was high in his praise of RABORN's handling of complicated administrative problems in an efficient and productive manner. RUDDEN said that he had no doubt concerning RABORN's loyalty as an American citizen and that he held in high regard RABORN's character, reputation and associates. RUDDEN recommended RABORN for a position of trust and responsibility.

GEORGE W. BERGQUIST, Director, Plans and Program Division, Special Projects Office, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] on April 19, 1965, he first met RABORN in August, 1960, when he (BERGQUIST) was head of a group selected to evaluate the budgetary needs of the Special Projects Office, and as such had numerous contacts with RABORN. According to BERGQUIST, Admiral BERGQUIST requested him to take the position of Director of the Plans and Program Division, of the Special Projects Office in May of 1961. BERGQUIST stated that as Director of the Plans and Program Division he worked in close association with Admiral RABORN until RABORN was detached as Chief of Naval Operations on February 27, 1962. BERGQUIST pointed out that RABORN is held in high esteem by himself and the staff at the Special Projects Office who worked with RABORN as a very competent administrator, highly motivated in the performance of his duties by loyalty to his country. He stated that RABORN's character, loyalty and associates are above reproach and he had no reservations concerning his ability to handle a position of responsibility and trust of highest level.

United States Senators

On April 16, 1965, Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH of Texas, stated that he has known the appointee since 1957 when the appointee was working on the Polaris Project, and based upon his association with the appointee, has the highest commendation for his dedication to the Government and the country. He stated the appointee handles difficult projects with a minimum of friction and he has never heard anything critical or derogatory concerning the appointee, and that his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty are of the highest, and that he is amazed that he has never heard a critical word against the appointee. He stated that the appointee has an outstanding professional record and that he gives him the highest recommendation. He stated that most of his association with the appointee was on a professional basis but that he had some slight social contact with him, mainly through the former Speaker of the House SAM RAYBURN, who was a close personal friend of the appointee. Senator YARBOROUGH recommended the appointee very highly for the position to which he has been nominated by President JOHNSON.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on April 16, 1965, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee, and wife. No record for his relatives; [ ] son, WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III, and ex-spouse LEAH VANCE BARNES RABORN.

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On April 16, 1965, files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., were caused to be searched by SE [ ] and revealed no information concerning the appointee and his relatives.

On April 16, 1965, IC [ ] searched the files of the United States Park Police, and no record was found concerning the appointee or relatives.

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IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on April 16, 1965, that no record was located concerning the appointee and relatives.

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On April 16, 1965, [ ] United States Veterans Administration, Central Office, Veteran's Benefits, Washington, D.C., advised that there was no record of a disability claim regarding the appointee, and advised that it would be a function of the Navy and not of the Veterans Administration.

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On April 16, 1965, SA [ ] caused a search to be conducted of the files of the Office of Security, United States Department of State, and was advised the records contained no information concerning the appointee.

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On April 16, 1965, IC [ ] caused a search to be conducted of the files of the Office of Special Investigations Headquarters and of the Office of Special Investigations Fourth District, and was advised that their files contained no information concerning the appointee.

On April 16, 1965, SA ROBERT F. ROBINSON, JR. caused a search to be conducted of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised that their files contain no derogatory information concerning the appointee.

On April 16, 1965, IC [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Protective Research Section, and was advised the files contained no information concerning the appointee.

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SA [ ] on April 15, 1965, disclose that WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., was last issued Passport F-020391 at Los Angeles, California, on February 11, 1965, for proposed four weeks' travel to Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Israel, India, Greece, Italy, France, and England, on business. He planned to depart from San Francisco, California, via Pan American Airways about March 15, 1965, not by organized tour. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under communist control.

He was previously issued Special Passport 0266649 at Washington, D.C., on December 7, 1960, for indefinite travel to France and other European countries on official business for the USN. This passport application was supported by an official request from the Navy Department dated December 7, 1960. This passport was valid for three years for all countries except Albania, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under Communist control.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY SAA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>cmg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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Bureau teletype to SAC's Washington Field, Baltimore, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Houston, New Orleans, Dallas, Oklahoma City, and Newark, dated April 15, 1965.  
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Field Office File No.: NO 161-211

Bureau File No.:

Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's brother, CHARLES B. RABORN, formerly resided 2032 Kerfoot Avenue, and 1951 to present is resident of 4 Flamingo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. CHARLES B. RABORN is currently District Manager for General Electric Company, New Orleans, Louisiana. Credit record for CHARLES B. RABORN and wife, LUCILLE, stated as Prompt, paid as agreed and no unfavorable information. No identification record for CHARLES B. RABORN located with New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana. Personnal acquaintance of over 25 years and business associate of CHARLES B. RABORN, states RABORN is Sales Manager of Sales and Distribution Dept., General Electric Co., New Orleans, La. and verifies residence as 4 Flamingo St., New Orleans, La.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SAA [redacted] on April 15, 1965:

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Review of Polk's New Orleans City Directory for the year 1949, determined that a CHARLES B. RABORN and his wife, LUCILLE, resided at 2032 Kerfoot, Apartment A, New Orleans, Louisiana. CHARLES B. RABORN's employment was listed as "Assistant to Manager, General Electric Supply Company, New Orleans, Louisiana."

Review of Polk's New Orleans City Directory for the years 1952-1953 determined a CHARLES B. RABORN and wife, LUCILLE resided at 4 Flamingo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. CHARLES B. RABORN's employment was listed as General Electric Supply Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Polk's New Orleans City Directory for the year 1964 lists a CHARLES B. RABORN and wife LUCILLE as residents of 4 Flamingo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and lists RABORN's employment as District Manager, General Electric Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on April 16, 1965:

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Records of the Lake Charles Credit Bureau, as reviewed by Supervisor [redacted] reflected that ROWEN C. RABORN lived at 272 E. Parkway, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Their file was opened in January, 1957, and RABORN maintained a satisfactory credit rating through January, 1959. The file showed that he resided at 156 Morningside Drive, San Antonio, Texas, as of January, 1959. [redacted] was listed as [redacted] and his occupation as Manager of Sales, General Electric.

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A search of the files of the Lake Charles Police Department and Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office Identification Bureau failed to locate any record in the names of ROWEN C. or [redacted] RABORN.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 15, 1965:

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of New Orleans advised his records showed CHARLES B. RABORN and his wife LUCILLE as of January 1950, were residents of 2032 Kerfoot, New Orleans, Louisiana. CHARLES B. RABORN was listed as a white male, born 1906, with employment as Manager of General Electric Supply Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Credit Bureau records listed CHARLES B. RABORN's residence as of February 1951, at 4 Flamingo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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[redacted] advised the credit record for CHARLES B. RABORN and wife, LUCILLE, showed their credit rating as prompt, paid as agreed and no unfavorable information.

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[redacted] Clerk, New Orleans Police Department, Identification Bureau and [redacted] Clerk, New Orleans Police Department, record room advised they were unable to locate any reference in their records to a CHARLES B. RABORN.

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[redacted] Lighting Specialist, General Electric Supply Company, 4221 Bienville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 16, 1965, advised SAA [redacted] that he had been personally acquainted with CHARLES B. RABORN, brother of WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., for more than twenty five years. [redacted] stated CHARLES B. RABORN is currently Sales Manager of the Sales and Distribution Department, General Electric Company, New Orleans, Louisiana and resides at 4 Flamingo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>DALLAS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>4/19/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/16/65 - 4/17/65</b>
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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Birth verified. U. S. Senator JOHN G. TOWER unconditionally recommends. Brothers have satisfactory credit, no criminal.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation conducted at Dallas, Texas, by SA VINCENT E. J. DRAIN; at Gainesville, Texas, by SA ROBERT P. BUTLER; at Decatur, Texas, by SA [REDACTED], and at Wichita Falls, Texas, by SA [REDACTED].

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## BIRTH

## AT DECATUR, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS

A check of the Birth Records, Birth Index #1, Wise County, reveals Certificate #931, listing an "Unnamed male child" born June 8, 1904, in Wise County, is a matter of record. The father is listed as WILL RAYBORN and the mother is CORNELIA RAYBORN.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## AT WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

U. S. Senator JOHN G. TOWER, 1609 Sparks, Wichita Falls, advised on April 17, 1965, he is acquainted with Admiral RABORN and he would unconditionally recommend him for any position of trust. He added Admiral RABORN was "top notch", and he would clear him for anything. He added Admiral RABORN enjoys a good reputation, good character, and is absolutely loyal. He added

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that in his opinion, Admiral RABORN's appointment as Director of CIA, is the best appointment the President has made.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On April 16, 1965, [redacted] Dallas County Sheriff's Office; [redacted] Dallas Police Department; [redacted] Dallas Police Department, Records Bureau, all advised a check of their respective files for LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN, and wife, THELMA, brother of appointee, was negative.

[redacted] Dallas Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, advised on April 16, 1965, LOUIS BERNARDT RABORN and wife, THELMA have a satisfactory credit rating with her department.

AT GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

On April 16, 1965, [redacted] Police Department and [redacted] Sheriff's Office, both advised their respective files contained no record of GLEN T. RABORN, brother of appointee.

[redacted] Retail Credit Merchants Association, advised on April 16, 1965, her records reflect GLEN T. RABORN has been on record since 1946. There have been no inquiries since 1950. [redacted] advised Mr. RABORN had moved to Bryan, Texas, in 1950, and was a Police Lieutenant on the Bryan Police Department as of December, 1950. She advised his credit is satisfactory.

AT DECATUR, TEXAS (WISE COUNTY)

On April 16, 1965, a check was made at the Credit Bureau, at which time no record of WILLIAM FRANCIS, WILLIAM FRANCIS, JR., or CORNELIA RABORN (or RAYBORN) could be located by [redacted].

On April 16, 1965, [redacted] District Clerk and [redacted] County Clerk, advised a check of the criminal index for their respective offices, failed to reveal the name of the appointee or his parents, under either spelling.

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO SAN FRANCISCO APRIL SIXTEEN LAST,  
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ADM. FREDERICK J. ENTWISTLE, RETIRED, THE BOHEMIAN CLUB,  
ONE THOUSAND MASON, SAN FRANCISCO, ON APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT,  
ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, AND WAS  
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING MOST OF THE PERIOD FROM NINE-  
TEEN FORTYFOUR THROUGH FIFTYTWO. HE CONSIDERED APPOINTEE TO  
BE WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION TO WHICH HE IS BEING APPOINTED  
AND HE HAD NO HESITATION WHATSOEVER IN RECOMMENDING HIM.

ON APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT, DR. HAROLD J. COKELEY, REAR  
ADMIRAL, COMMANDING OFFICER, U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIF.,  
ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE WHEN  
APPOINTEE MARRIED THE HEAD NURSE AT BETHESDA HOSPITAL. HE HAS  
HAD CLOSE SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH APPOINTEE AND HIS WIFE TO  
THE PRESENT TIME. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS OUTGOING AND

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PERSONABLE AND VERY WELL LIKED BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR HIM. HE CONSIDERED APPOINTEE'S WIFE TO BE A HIGHLY REPUTABLE WOMAN AND APPOINTEE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER AND A GREAT AMERICAN.

ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, READ ADMIRAL FRANK AKERS, RETIRED, FIVE NINE THREE TWO ESTATES DR., OAKLAND, ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE OFF AND ON SINCE WORLD WAR TWO AND SERVED UNDER HIS COMMAND ON OCCASIONS. HE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A FINE GENTLEMAN, AND ABLE LEADER, AND KNEW NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL OR SOCIAL LIFE.

WILLIAM F. WHITMORE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, LOCKHEED MISSILE AND SPACE COMPANY, SUNNYVALE, CLIF., ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, ADVISED HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE WHEN APPOINTEE WAS DEPUTY TO ADMIRAL JOHN H. SIDES IN THE MIDDLE NINETEEN FIFTIES AND LATER SERVED AS CHIEF SCIENTIST TO APPOINTEE FROM NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO FIFTYNINE, ON THE NAVAL POLARIS PROGRAM. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS HIGHLY REGARDED AND RESPECTED AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM MOST HIGHLY.

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MILES HUNTER HUBBARD, RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL AND STAFF SCIENTIST, LOCKHEED MISSILE AND SPACE CO., SUNNYVALE, ON APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT, ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN APPOINTEE CASUALLY FOR MANY YEARS. DURING THE LATE NINETEEN FIFTIES, HUBBARD SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF AND LATER CHIEF OF THE NAVAL BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, AT WHICH TIME APPOINTEE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE POLARIS PROGRAM. HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPOINTEE'S ABILITY AND KNEW NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY OR ASSOCIATES. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY.

RICHARD W. RUBLE, VICE ADMIRAL, RETIRED, THREE FIVE GRANADA COURT, PORTOLA VALLEY, ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST ADVISED HE WAS NOT A CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF APPOINTEE BUT DURING THE KOREAN INCIDENT THE APPOINTEE WAS A COMMANDER UNDER ADMIRAL RUBLE. RUBLE STATED HE HAD NO QUESTION CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S ABILITY, AND THAT IF A MILITARY MAN SHOULD BE SELECTED FOR HEAD OF CIA, APPOINTEE WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE.

GENE ROOT, LOCKHEED MISSILE AND SPACE COMPANY, WAS DETERMINED TO BE PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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RESIDENCE OF APPOINTEE'S SON, WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III,  
IN CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIF., AND RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
AT [REDACTED] VERIFIED. NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR  
THESE RELATIVES AND NO UNSATISFACTORY CREDIT RECORD LOCATED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (161-753)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, REAR ADMIRAL JOHN JAMES LAFFAN, RETIRED, THREE ONE THREE BENSON PLACE, WESTFIELD, NJ, ADVISED THAT HE RECALLED HAVING BEEN A STUDENT AT ANNAPOLIS AT THE SAME TIME AS APPOINTEE. STATED THEY WERE NOT IN SAME CLASS. ADVISED WHILE HE KNOWS OF RABORN, HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING NAVAL CAREER. HE RECALLED THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN AT SOME NAVY SCHOOLS WITH RABORN BUT BECAUSE OF HIS LIMITED CONTACT WITH RABORN HE FELT PHAT HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO FURNISH ANY PERTINENT COMMENTS CONCERNING HIM.

ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, PATROLMAN [REDACTED] NJPD, ADVISED THAT NICHOLAS AND MARY E. MYLENKI HAVE RESIDED AT FOUR THIRTYSIX GLENDALE ROAD, WYCKOFF, FOR APPROXIMATELY THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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HE ADVISED THERE WAS NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR NICHOLAS  
OR MARY E. MYLENKI.

ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, CHIEF LOUIS STUTZ, NORTH  
HALEDON, NJPD, ADVISED THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO  
ARREST RECORD FOR NICHOLAS OR MARY E. MYLENKI.

ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, [REDACTED] GARDEN STATE  
CREDIT BUREAU, CLIFTON, NJ, WHICH COVERS NORTH HALEDON  
AND WYCKOFF, NJ, ADVISED SHE HAD A FAVORABLE CREDIT  
RATING FOR NICHOLAS AND MARY E. MYLENKI.

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TO SAC SAN DIEGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REURTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND WFO TEL APRIL SIXTEEN  
LAST.

RE WFO TEL INDICATED LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF FORMER WIFE,  
LEAH VANCE RABORN, WAS EIGHT THREE SIX BRIGHTON COURT, SAN DIEGO.  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HER.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL INDICATES COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST RABORN  
BY E. E. ARGANBRIGHT, DATE NOT INDICATED, FOR OVER ONE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS. ALSO WARNING NOTICE ISSUED BY SAVINGS AND LOAN  
ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO, DATE NOT INDICATED, INDICATING FOUR  
MONTHS PAYMENTS OVERDUE ON REAL ESTATE LOAN. DETERMINE COMPLETE  
FACTS REGARDING THESE TWO INCIDENTS, INCLUDING PERTINENT DATES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE BUREAU BY TELETYPE TO REACH  
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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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RE WFO TEL INDICATED LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF FORMER WIFE, LEAH VANCE RABORN, WS EIGHT THREE SIX BRIGHTON COURT, SAN DIEGO. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HER.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL INDICATES COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST RABORN BY E. E. ARGANBRIGHT, DATE NOT INDICATED, FOR OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. ALSO WARNING NOTICE ISSUED BY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION IN SAN DIEGO, DATE NOT INDICATED, INDICATING FOUR MONTHS PAYMENTS OVERDUE ON REAL ESTATE LOAN. DETERMINE COMPLETE FACTS REGARDING THESE TWO INCIDENTS, INCLUDING PERTINENT DATES.

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPI. BUDED APRIL NINETEEN.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL NINETEEN. VICE

ADMIRAL THOMAS LAMISON SPRAGUE, USN RETIRED, ONE FIVE TWO EIGHT GLORIETTA, CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RABORN ABOUT NINETEEN THREE SEVEN WHEN SPRAGUE WAS SUPER-INTENDENT AVIATION TRAINING, NAS, PENSACOLA, FLA., AND RABORN INSTRUCTOR, UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY AND AGAIN FROM FORTY NINE TO FIFTY TWO WHEN SPRAGUE COMMANDER OF PACIFIC NAVAL AIR FORCES AND RABORN COMMANDED AIRCRAFT CARRIER. SPRAGUE DESCRIBED RABORN AS HONEST, SKILLFUL ADMINISTRATOR, EXCELLENT REPUTATION, HIGH PERSONAL MORALS AND CHARACTER. SPRAGUE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RABORN FOR POSITION OF TRUST.

VICE ADMIRAL FREDERICK MOOSBRUGGER, USN RETIRED, TWO FIVE SIX TWO ROSECRANS, SAN DIEGO, ADVISED ONLY SLIGHTLY

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ACQUAINTED WITH RABORN DURING PERIOD NINETEEN FOUR SIX TO FIVE SIX, THEY WERE FELLOW NAVAL OFFICERS AND RABORN SERVED UNDER HIS COMMAND INTERMITTENTLY. MOOSBRUGGER NOT SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED WITH RABORN KNEW ONLY BY REPUTATION WHICH DESCRIBED AS EXCELLENT MOOSBRUGGER COULD FURNISH NO UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION.

DIVORCE RECORDS SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT REFLECT LEAH VANCE RABORN FILED COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE JUNE ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIVE THREE AGAINST WILLIAM F RABORN, JR., CHARGING EXTREME CRUELTY AND GREIVIOUS MENTAL SUFFERING. INTERLOCUTORY JUDGEMENT OF DIVORCE GRANTED MARCH TWO FIVE, NINETEEN FIVE FOUR. FINAL JUDGEMENT GRANTED MARCH TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. DIVORCE FILE CONTAINS RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIVE FOUR RESTRAINING LEAH VANCE RABORN FROM BOTHERING, INTERFERING WITH OR COMMUNICATING WITH THE DEFENDAND IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER AND RESTRAINING HER FROM CONDUCTING HERSELF IN ANY MANNER CALCULATED TO INTERFERE WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT OR OCCUPATION IN THE U. S. NAVY.

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SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDS CONTAIN COMPLAINT FOR MONEY DEMAND OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS FOUR CENTS FILED BY E.E. ARGANBRIGHT AGAINST CAPTAIN WILLIAM F. RABORN, JR., AND LEAH VANCE RABORN. ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE, JUDGEMENT FILED IN FAVOR ARGANBRIGHT FOR TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS FORTY NINE CENTS, INCLUDING INTEREST AND COSTS. SATISFACTION OF JUDGEMENT FILED APRIL TWO SIX, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE.

RECORDS, SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE.

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA PD RECORDS REFLECT THAT BETWEEN NINETEEN THREE TWO AND FORTY ONE APPOINTEE MADE TEN COMPLAINTS CONCERNING PROWLERS OR MINOR NUISANCES, IN EACH INSTANCE HE WAS VICTIM.

CREDIT RECORDS, SAN DIEGO CONTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT SUIT AND DIVORCE SUIT DESCRIBED ABOVE. CREDIT RECORDS ALSO CONTAIN WARNING NOTICE ISSUED BY CENTRAL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOC. OF SAN DIEGO REFLECTING FOUR MONTHS PAYMENTS OVERDUE ON REAL ESTATE LOAN.

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VICE ADMIRAL PAUL DAVID STROOP, COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCE,  
PACIFIC FLEET, UNAVAILABLE AT SAN DIEGO. WILL BE IN WASHINGTON,  
D.C. APRIL TWENTY NEXT THROUGH APRIL TWENTY FOUR, AT PENTAGON  
AND CAN BE REACHED THROUGH HIS AIDE, LT. COMMANDER   
AT WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL.

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REURTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

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RESULTS TO BUREAU BY RETURN TELETYPE, WHICH MUST REACH  
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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LOS ANGELES (161-861)

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WILLIAM FRANCIS RAYBORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

*John*  
MR. C. J. [unclear]  
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RE BUTEL TO WFO, APRIL FIFTEENTH LAST.

EMPLOYMENT WITH AEROJET GENERAL CORP., AS VICE PRESIDENT,  
PROGRAM MANAGER, VERIFIED. [REDACTED]

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TEN YEARS AND WILLIAM  
E. ZISCH, PRESIDENT, HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE NINE YEARS, BOTH

FAVORABLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE UNCONDITIONALLY AS TO HIS CHARACTER,  
ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
ABILITY AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF CIA. REFERNECE LAWRENCE A.  
HYLAND, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENREAL MANAGER, HUGHES AIRCRAFT, CULVER

CITY, CALIFORNIA, WHO HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVENTEEN YEARS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE POLARIS MISSILE PROGRAM RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE UNCONDITIONALLY  
AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND FOR POSITION 1965  
AS DIRECTOR OF CIA. REFERENCE WILLIAM L. GORE NOT INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED]

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ZISCH STATED GORE IS STILL WITH MARKETING DEPARTMENT AT AEROJET AND APPOINTEE'S ONLY ASSOCIATION WITH GORE IS PROFESSIONALLY AT AEROJET. RESIDENCE THREE ONE FIVE MADALINE DR., PASADENA, VERIFIED. ASSOCIATE ADMIRAL JOHN H. SIDES, RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, APPOINTED

RAYBORN AS HIS DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND RECOMMENDED HIM TO HEAD UP THE POLARIS MISSILE PROGRAM. SIDES RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE UNCONDITIONALLY AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION,

ASSOCIATES AND TO HEAD UP CIA. APPOINTEE AND WIFE HAVE A

SATISFACTORY CREDIT RECORD AND NO ARREST RECORD AT LA. NEWSPAPER LIBRARY CONTAINS NO ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF VALUE.

SENATOR THOMAS KUCHEL WHO HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE PAST FIVE YEARS AND

HAS CONTACTED HIM CONCERNING NAVAL MATTERS AND DEFENSE PROCUREMENT.

ADVISED APPOINTEE OUTSTANDING NAVAL OFFICER AND EXCEPTIONALLY FINE

PERSON AND KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY,

REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES THAT WOULD ADVERSELY EFFECT HIS APPOINTMENT

TO CIA. NUMEROUS EFFORTS TO CONTACT SENATOR GEORGE MURPHY, NEGATIVE

TO DATE. MURPHY WILL BE CONTACTED AND REPORT FOLLOWS. PENDING.

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~~PROGRAM. SIDES RECOMMENDED~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 4/19/65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

My previous memos have indicated that we are conducting investigation of Admiral Raborn at the request of the White House as he has just been named Director of the Central Intelligence Agency by the President.

Since his retirement from the Navy in 1963 Admiral Raborn has been employed as Vice President of Program Management by the Aerojet-General Corporation, Azusa, California. Investigation indicates that on a personnel security questionnaire furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) by Admiral Raborn in February, 1964, he listed as references three other officials of Aerojet: W. E. Zisch, President; R. I. McKenzie, Vice President and Treasurer; and W. L. Gore, Senior Vice President for Sales.

*include in summary*  
Our files indicate that W. L. Gore was the subject of a Fraud Against the Government (FAG) case in February, 1964, since he furnished false information on a PSQ given to AEC in 1963. He denied ever having been arrested when, in fact, he had been arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., in August, 1959, on a morals charge for soliciting a police officer in Lafayette Park. When first interviewed about this by AEC he claimed it was the result of a bet, but later was reinterviewed at his request and admitted he had been drinking and had actually solicited the officer. The case was subsequently nol-prossed. The FAG case was presented to Grand Jury in Boise, Idaho, 2/25/64 and the jury returned a no true bill.

## ACTION:

Investigation is continuing and the degree of association between Admiral Raborn and Gore is being determined.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Young

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DR* DATE: April 19, 1965

FROM :  *DR*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Pursuant to a request from the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Liaison representative  interviewed Secretary of the Navy, Paul Nitze and Admiral David McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations, at their respective offices in the Pentagon on 4-19-65.

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Mr. Nitze stated that he has known Raborn since approximately 1955. Nitze stated that Raborn had not worked under him directly while he, Raborn, was in the Navy. He advised that they were not closely associated on a social basis although he had been at different official Navy functions at which Raborn was also present. Nitze indicated he knew of nothing of an adverse nature regarding Raborn's character, loyalty, reputation or associations. He advised that Raborn's ability as an excellent administrator was clearly evidenced by the outstanding job Raborn had done in setting up the successful Polaris program. Nitze indicated that he would recommend Raborn for a position of trust and confidence.

Admiral McDonald advised that Raborn and he had been fellow classmates at the U. S. Naval Academy from which they both graduated in 1928. He stated that he had recommended to Raborn that he, Raborn, become associated with Naval aviation. McDonald stated that in addition to his acquaintanceship with Raborn while Raborn was in the Navy, they have been friends on a social basis for a considerable period of time. McDonald advised that he has been acquainted with both his first and second wives. He indicated that he did not know the reason why Raborn and his first wife had been divorced although he thought it may have been due to a "change of life" on her part. He stated that Raborn's present wife is a former Navy nurse and he knew of nothing unfavorable concerning her.

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- 1 - Mr. Cleveland (Attn. Mr. Young)
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Memo Dunn to Brennan  
RE: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

McDonald indicated that he was one of the individuals who had recommended that Raborn be selected to head up the Polaris program and McDonald advised that Raborn had done an outstanding job and was instrumental in the success of this program. He indicated that he would recommend Raborn for a position of trust and confidence and stated that nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Raborn had come to his attention.

ACTION:

Route to the Employees Security and Special Inquiry  
Section.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-34293) (RUC)

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
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ReSDteletype dated 4/19/65.

Information at the Washington Hilton Hotel <sup>obtained</sup> advised  
this date that they have no <sup>of</sup> registration guest under the  
name of PAUL DAVID STROOP or [REDACTED].

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Inasmuch as the above referenced report contains  
an adequate number of interviews, UACB no further attempt  
will be made to locate and interview Vice Admiral STROOP.

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FBI LOS ANG.

1029 AM URGENT 4-20-65 MJH  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM LOS ANGELES (161-861) 2P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RAYBORN, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTIETH INSTANT.

WILLIAM L. GORE, ONE SIX TWO ONE SAN PASQUAL, PASADENA, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF SALES, AEROJET GENERAL CORPORATION, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE WAS A FORMER MARINE PILOT AND KNEW OF RAYBORN DURING WORLD WAR II, BUT NEVER SERVED UNDER HIM. HE MET RAYBORN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHILE RAYBORN ASSIGNED AT PENTAGON, BUT NEVER SOCIALIZED WITH HIM. GORE STATED HE FIRST GOT TO KNOW RAYBORN WELL DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLARIS MISSILE. SINCE APPOINTEE JOINED AEROJET GORE HAS HAD LIMITED CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE AS GORE IS ON FREQUENT SALES TRIPS AND APPOINTEE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY AND HAS HAD ALMOST NO SOCIAL LIFE. GORE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE UNCONDITIONALLY AS TO HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND

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DESCRIBED HIM AS BEING DILIGENT, CONSCIENTIOUS AND ONE WHO  
ALWAYS PUTS HIS COUNTRY AHEAD OF HIS OWN PERSONAL LIFE. HE  
RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE UNCONDITIONALLY TO HEAD CIA.

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12-12PM PST URGENT 4-20-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN DIEGO (161-188) 4P

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR. SPI

REBUTEL TODAY.

RECORDS CENTRAL FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION,  
SAN DIEGO, SHOW APPOINTEE AND WIFE OPENED ESCROW ON PROPERTY  
AT THREE SIX FIVE TWO THIRD AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, ASSUMING  
FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS. ON SEPTEMBER TWO  
NINETEEN FOUR NINE COLLECTION LETTER SENT AS ACCOUNT ONE  
HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS IN ARREARS. THEY PROMISED TO BRING  
UP TO DATE BY OCTOBER FIVE, NINETEEN FOUR NINE BUT FAILED.  
OCTOBER TWO FIVE, NINETEEN FOUR NINE CENTRAL FEDERAL ADVISED  
THEM IF NOT CORRECTED BY NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN FOUR NINE,  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT WOULD BE FILED. BY LETTER DATED OCTOBER TWO  
SEVEN, NINETEEN FOUR NINE, MRS. RABORN STATED UNEXPECTED  
EXPENSES OF MOVING, SURGERY FOR SON AND ILLNESS OF SELF MADE  
PAYMENT DIFFICULT. ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FOUR NINE  
ACCOUNT PAID THROUGH OCTOBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FOUR NINE.

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LETTER TO RABORNS ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY STATED NO PAYMENTS RECEIVED SINCE NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FOUR NINE AND SET DEADLINE OF JANUARY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY BEFORE DEFAULT ACTION. ON DECEMBER TWO NINE, NINETEEN FIFTY, THEY WERE ADVISED THAT ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS MUST BE PAID BY JANUARY FIVE NINETEEN FIVE ONE OR FACE IMMEDIATE DEFAULT. ON MAY TWO ONE, NINETEEN FIVE ONE ANOTHER LETTER SENT STATING NOTICE OF DEFAULT TO BE FILED. APPOINTEE'S WIFE FURNISHED POST DATED CHECKS TO COVER PAYMENTS, CHECKS RETURNED AS NOT LEGAL TENDER BY LETTER OF MAY TWO THREE, NINETEEN FIVE ONE AND FORECLOSURE FILED. ONE JUNE TWO, NINETEEN FIVE ONE CASHIERS CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS RECEIVED BRINGING LOAN UP TO DATE AND FORECLOSURE CANCELLED. APPOINTEE COMPLAINED OF INTERESTS RATES AND IN AUGUST NINETEEN FIVE ONE ATTEMPT MADE TO REFINANCE LOAN ELSEWHERE, BUT CANCELLED. ON AUTUST SEVEN, NINETEEN FIVE ONE COLLECTION NOTICE SENT AS ACCOUNT PASTDUE ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS. DURING FOLLOWING PERIOD UNTIL JULY TWO NINETEEN FIVE THREE THERE WAS FREQUENT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN APPOINTEE AND CENTRAL FEDERAL OVER WHETHER ACCOUNT DELINQUENT OR NOT.

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CENTRAL FEDERAL CLAIMED CONSISTENTLY ONE MONTH IN ARREARS. APPOINTEE CLAIMED IT WAS NOT. ON JULY TWO, NINETEEN FIVE THREE LOAN PAID IN FULL BY UNION TITLE FOR TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS.

UNION TITLE RECODS SHOW LOAN PAYMENTS JULY, NINETEEN FIVE THREE UNTIL APRIL TWO SIX, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE ON TIME OR CONTAINED ADVANCE PAYMENTS ON PRINCIPAL. PROPERTY SOLD APRIL TWO SIX, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE TO ANOTHER PERSON.

E.E. ARGANBRIGHT COLLECTION AGENCY, ADVISED RECORDS RE APPOINTEE DESTROYED. RECORDS OF MUNICIPAL COURT, SAN DIEGO, REFLECT RABORN AND WIFE SUED NOVEMBER NINE, NINETEEN FIVE FOUR FOR ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS FOR CLOTHING PURCHASES FROM LELAH ELGIN (FORMER WOMENS APPAREL SHOP). JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT ENTERED AGAINST MRS. RABORN JANUARY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE FOR ORIGINAL AMOUNT PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. APPOINTEE ABOARD USS BENNINGTON WHEN SUIT FILED. FOLLOWING SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL, HE FILED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT MARCH THREE, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE STATING HE AND WIFE SEPARATED FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FIVE  
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THREE AND HE HAD COMPLIED WITH TERMS OF COURT ORDER OBTAINED BY HER FOR SUPPORT IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FIVE THREE. INTER-LOCUTORY JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE MADE MARCH TWO FIVE, NINETEEN FIVE FOUR. APPOINTEE ALLEGED THERE HAD BEEN NO RECONCILIATION THAT HE DID NOT PURCHASE THE MERCHANDISE OR HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PURCHASE. TRIAL SET FOR DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT FORM FILED APRIL TWO SIX, NINETEEN FIVE FIVE.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF FORMER WIFE BEACH APARTMENT WITH RAPID TURNOVER OF TENANTS. ENIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE. NO LISTINGS OF FORMER WIFE IN CURRENT TELEPHONE OR CITY DIRECTORIES OR PUBLIC UTILITY FILES. DIVORCE ATTORNEY UNABLE TO FURNISH HER CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE FORMER WIFE BEING CONDUCTED BY SAN DIEGO UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *JH Gale*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

DATE: 4/21/65

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Previous memos have indicated that on 4/15/65 we received a request from the White House for investigation of Raborn who, on 4/11/65, was named by the President as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to replace John McCone who is retiring. Investigation is now complete except for an interview with Senator George Murphy of California who has been unavailable. The investigation is generally highly favorable and all persons recommended Raborn.

Since his retirement in August, 1963, he has been a vice president of the Aerojet-General Corporation of California. He retired on a physical disability (heart disease), but persons interviewed advised that his general health is good. He has been a career Naval officer since 1928 and has an outstanding Navy record, his greatest claim to fame being his development of the Polaris Missile Program.

Investigation indicates that in 1930 he was hospitalized for general nervousness and worry, and was diagnosed as being neurotic and unstable at that time. Two months later a re-evaluation of his problems indicated he was fit for duty with none of his previous symptoms. Investigation did not indicate any such tendencies since, and persons interviewed described him as very stable and intelligent. His first wife received a divorce from him on grounds of cruelty, but investigation indicates she had mental trouble, which was the actual cause of the divorce.

In 1964 he listed an executive of Aerojet-General Corporation as a reference, one W. L. Gore, whom we investigated in 1964 for furnishing false information to the Atomic Energy Commission in denying on a questionnaire that he had ever been

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arrested. He had been arrested in 1959 in Washington, D. C., on a morals charge for approaching a police officer and propositioning him for an immoral act. The morals case was nol-prossed. Our fraud case was presented to Federal Grand Jury in 1964 which returned a no true bill. Gore was interviewed during our investigation and recommended Raborn. He said their association was only in connection with their official duties as executives of the same corporation. Other persons interviewed corroborated this.

Investigation further indicated that he was in arrears on several occasions between 1949 and 1951 on mortgage payments on a house he owned in San Diego. On each occasion he paid the delinquent amounts.

Information Not Being Disseminated

In the Washington Post of 4/17/65 Drew Pearson, in a column headed "Raborn Ties: A Scrutiny Subject" (attached), made a veiled attack on Raborn's appointment and goes into a vague and nonspecific discussion of the "dangerous alliance between the big military complex and the big defense complex." He refers to Raborn's association with Aerojet, then ties Aerojet up with the General Tire Company, radio-television and newspapers. He describes the "chummy" relations between the Navy and Aerojet; the secret links between big business and CIA; & the General Tire Company's ownership of radio and television stations and newspapers. Nowhere does he say anything derogatory concerning Raborn or make any factual statement concerning Raborn's connection with any of the activities he described.

ACTION:

Enclosed summary memorandum should be delivered to the White House by Mr. DeLoach's office.

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930 AM CST URGENT 4-21-65 LAV  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAN ANTONIO /161-240/ /RUC/ 1P

*Mr. DeLoach*  
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WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., SPI.

RE REP SA JOSEPH E. JONES APRIL NINETEEN LAST AT SAN ANTONIO.

LAST WORD IN SYNOPSIS SHOULD READ QUOTE PARENTS UNQUOTE INSTEAD OF QUOTE CHILDREN UNQUOTE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO MAKE CORRECTION.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 4/21/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/16 - 21/65
TITLE OF CASE 0 WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em;"></div>	TYPED BY kfw
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SPECIAL INQUIRY	b6 b7C

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Washington Field  
Office 4/15/65

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will contact  
Senator GEORGE A. MURPHY and furnish results to Bureau  
by summary teletype, followed by RUC report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:

Office: Los Angeles, California

Date:

April 21, 1965

Field Office File #:

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Title:

WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment with Aerojet General Corporation as Vice President, Program Manager verified. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], WILLIAM E. ZISCH, President, and WILLIAM L. GORE, Senior Vice President in Charge of Sales, all favorably recommend appointee as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for appointment as director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Associate, Admiral JOHN H. SIDES, Former Director of Naval Operations, and reference, LAWRENCE A. HYLAND, both favorably recommend appointee as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for position of director of CIA. Appointee and wife have satisfactory credit record and no arrest record. United States Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL advised appointee outstanding Naval officer with fine reputation and knows nothing unfavorable concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty, or anything that would adversely effect his appointment to head the CIA.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was conducted as follows:

SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Pasadena and El Monte, California	
SA FERD J. RAPP	Azusa, California	
SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Palm Springs, California	
SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Burbank, California	b6 b7C
IC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Retail Merchants Credit Association Los Angeles, California	
IC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	
IC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Libraries of "Los Angeles Times" and "Los Angeles Herald Examiner"	

EMPLOYMENT

Aerojet General Corporation  
9190 Flair Drive  
South El Monte, California

On April 16, 1965, WILLIAM E. ZISCH, President, Aerojet General Corporation, advised that WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., is Vice President, Program Manager of Aerojet General Corporation, and RABORN is directly responsible to him. Mr. ZISCH advised he has known the

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appointee for approximately nine years, having first met him through the Polaris Missile Program which RABORN was in charge of while an Admiral in the United States Navy. He advised that RABORN'S initiative and his relationship with civilian concerns caused factory representatives of Aerojet General to regard RABORN as one of the finest military officers they had ever worked with. Mr. ZISCH recommended the appointee unconditionally as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and that he be appointed to head up the CIA. He further advised the appointee has the unusual ability to communicate his thoughts to others, is cooperative, dedicated, conscientious, and an extremely hard worker.

ZISCH made available RABORN'S personnel file which contained the following additional information: RABORN was hired on September 1, 1963, as Vice President, Program Manager, Aerojet General and he has his son, WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III, and [REDACTED], both employed at the Aerojet General Plant in Sacramento, California. His professional references were listed as D. L. MC DONALD, Washington, D. C., Chief of Naval Operations, and FRED KORTH, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C. His wife was listed as MILDRED T. RABORN, and their residence as 2486 South Camino Real, Palm Springs, California.

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On April 16, 1965, [REDACTED] to the appointee, advised that the appointee and his wife, MILDRED, were married in 1955 and maintained residences at 2486 South Camino Real in Palm Springs, California, and at 315 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, California. His mother, Mrs. CORNELIA V. RABORN resides at 434 Breeze Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas. His father, WILLIAM T. RABORN, SR., has been dead for approximately five years. He has a son, WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III, and [REDACTED] both of whom reside at Sacramento, California. The son attended

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college in Sacramento and is employed at the Aerojet General Plant in Sacramento, where [REDACTED] is also employed. The appointee has five brothers, who are as follows:

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BERYL M. RABORN  
Age 62  
110 Sandalwood Drive  
Houston 24, Texas

ROWEN C. RABORN  
Age 60  
2622 Friar Tuck  
San Antonio, Texas

CHARLES B. RABORN  
Age 56  
4 Flamengo Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

GLEN T. RABORN  
Age 54  
10330 Hollyglen  
Houston, Texas

LOUIS B. RABORN  
Age 52  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
(residence unknown, recently transferred  
with General Electric Supply Company, Little  
Rock)

He has two sisters, Mrs. W. A. (ROWENA) MILLER, age 60, twin of ROWEN, 4317 Dimilo Street, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. NICHOLAS (MARY ELIZABETH) MYLANKI, age 50, 436 Glendale Road, Wicoff, New Jersey.

[REDACTED] stated that Mr. GENE ROOT, Lockheed Corporation, Sunnyville, California, is a close associate of the appointee.

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found him to be a gentleman. He recommended the appointee unconditionally as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for an appointment as head of CIA.

On April 20, 1965, WILLIAM L. GORE, 1621 San Pasqual, Pasadena, California, Senior Vice President in Charge of Sales, Aerojet General Corporation, advised he was a former Marine pilot and knew of the appointee during World War II, but never served under his command. He stated that he met RABORN on several occasions when RABORN was assigned at the Pentagon, but he never socialized with RABORN. Mr. GORE stated he first got to know RABORN personally during the period of development of the Polaris Missile. Since the appointee joined Aerojet General, Mr. GORE stated he has had limited contact with him as he is on frequent sales trips and the appointee has been very busy and he has had almost no social life. Mr. GORE recommended the appointee unconditionally for an appointment as head of CIA.

#### ASSOCIATE

On April 19, 1965, Admiral JOHN H. SIDES, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, a retired Naval officer and former Director of Naval Operations, advised he knew the appointee as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and recommended him to head up the Polaris Missile Program. Admiral SIDES stated he has known the appointee for over 25 years and recommended him unconditionally as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for the appointment to head up the CIA.

#### CREDIT AND ARREST

No record was located identifiable with the appointee or his wife, MILDRED, at the following agencies when contacted on the dates indicated:

April 19, 1965	Palm Springs Police Department Palm Springs, California
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On April 16, 1965, Mr. REGINALD R. MC KENZIE, Vice President and Treasurer, advised he has known the appointee only since September 1963, when he was appointed Vice President of Aerojet General. He stated that over the years he has heard many favorable comments concerning RABORN in connection with his work on the Polaris Missile Program. Based on his one and one-half year personal relationship with the appointee, Mr. MC KENZIE recommended the appointee unconditionally as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for the position of head of CIA. He stated the appointee is conscientious, industrious, and dedicated. He feels that Mr. RABORN would be a great asset to the United States in any position to which he might be appointed.

On April 16, 1965, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Aerojet General, advised he has known the appointee for over ten years, having first met him when the appointee was in charge of the Polaris Missile Program. He stated he associated closely with the appointee and his wife. The appointee's wife, MILDRED, is a former Navy officer and they have no children. He pointed out that the appointee has two children by a previous marriage, WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, III., and [REDACTED], both of whom live in Sacramento, California. He stated that Mr. GENE ROOT, Lockheed Aircraft Company, Sunnyville, California, is a close personal friend of the appointee. [REDACTED] recommended the appointee unconditionally as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and for the position as head of CIA.

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#### REFERENCE

On April 19, 1965, Mr. LAWRENCE R. HYLAND, Vice President and General Manager, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, advised he has known the appointee professionally and personally for over 17 years. He stated he first became acquainted with the appointee when he was a member of a staff of Navy admirals dealing with guided missiles. Since that time he has had frequent social and business contacts with the appointee and has always

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April 16, 1965	Azusa Police Department Azusa, California
April 16, 1965	Covina Credit Bureau Covina, California
April 16, 1965	Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California
April 16, 1965	Retail Merchants Credit Association Los Angeles, California
April 15, 1965	Pasadena Police Department Pasadena, California

On April 15, 1965, the Pasadena Merchants Association, 1175 Green Street, Pasadena, California, listed WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., and his wife, MILDRED, as residing at 315 Madeline, Pasadena, California. He is retired from the United States Navy and is presently employed as the Vice President of Aerojet General Corporation, Azusa, California. He was listed as having a very satisfactory credit record.

On April 16, 1965, the records of the Palm Springs Credit Bureau, Palm Springs, California, listed WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, and his wife, MILDRED, 315 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, California, and 2486 South Camino Real, Palm Springs, California, as having a very satisfactory credit record. It was listed that both WILLIAM RABORN and his wife were retired from the United States Navy and both receive retirement pensions.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On April 16, 1965, United States Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL, California, advised he has known the appointee more than casually during the past five years. He has contacted him concerning Naval matters and defense procurement.

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He advised the appointee was an outstanding Naval officer and is an exceptionally fine person. Senator KUCHEL knew nothing unfavorable as to the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, or anything which would adversely effect the appointee as head of CIA.

The newspaper libraries of the "Los Angeles Times" and the "Herald Examiner", both major Los Angeles, California newspapers, were reviewed on April 16, 1965, and no additional information of value or investigative leads was obtained.

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Date: 4/23/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (161-861) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.  
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Numerous efforts were made to contact U. S. Senator GEORGE A. MURPHY, California, while he was in Los Angeles, California, with negative results. MURPHY has returned to Washington, D. C. Inasmuch as the Senate has confirmed RABORN'S appointment, no lead is being set out for Washington Field Office to interview MURPHY.

No report is being submitted.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.</b>	TYPED BY <b>jh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to WFO dated 4/15/65;  
 Houston teletype to New Orleans dated 4/16/65;  
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 Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/65;  
 Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/65;  
 Houston teletype to Bureau dated 4/19/65.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

On April 16, 1965, an unidentified woman telephonically advised SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR., that BERL RABORN, resided at 110 Sandalwood, but was not presently at home.

On April 19, 1965, an unidentified woman telephonically advised SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR., that GLENN T. RABORN presently resided at 10330 Hollyglen, but was not presently at home.

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On April 19, 1965, an unidentified male telephonically advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. MILLER presently reside at 4317 DeMilo, but they were not at home.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR. Office: Houston  
Date: April 23, 1965  
Field Office File #: Houston 161-201 Bureau File #:  
Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

No arrest records located Houston Division for BERL M. RABORN, ROWEN RABORN, WILLIAM A. MILLER or ROWENA C. MILLER. Residences of preceding verified in Houston. Credit checks for BERL M. RABORN and ROWEN RABORN satisfactory. MILLERS have ten past due medical bills on record with Houston Credit Bureau.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR.:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 1965 Houston City Telephone Directory lists service for B. M. RABORN, 110 Sandalwood, Houston, and for GLENN T. RABORN, 10330 Hollyglen, Houston.

The 1964 Houston City Directory lists BERL M. RABORN, wife PAULINE (Department manager, G.E.), 110 Sandalwood, Houston; GLENN T. RABORN, [redacted] (salesman, ARA Mfg.), 10330 Hollyglen, Houston; and WILLIAM A. MILLER, wife ROWENA C. (William A. Miller Company), 4317 DeMilo Drive, Houston.

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On April 16, 1965, [redacted] Identification Division, Houston Police Department; Lieutenant [redacted]



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[redacted] Records Branch, Houston Police Department; and [redacted] Identification Officer, Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised their files contain no records identifiable with BERL M. RABORN or [redacted]

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On April 16, 1965, [redacted] Interviewer, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, advised her records indicate a file for BERL M. RABORN, [redacted] which was put on file with her office in May, 1943, and last revised in November, 1963. She advised her records indicate RABORN resides at 110 Sandalwood and is employed by G.E. Supply Corporation, as a District Sales Manager, which position he has held since 1932. She stated her file indicates the RABORNS at one time, resided in San Antonio and the file indicates four trade accounts which are all satisfactory.

On April 19, 1965, [redacted] Identification Division, Houston Police Department; Lieutenant [redacted] [redacted] Records Branch, Houston Police Department; and [redacted] Identification Officer, Harris County Sheriff's Office, advised their files contain no records for GLENN T. RABORN, [redacted] WILLIAM A. MILLER or ROWENA C. MILLER.

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On April 19, 1965, [redacted] Interviewer, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston, advised her files reflect a credit record for GLENN T. RABORN, [redacted] 10330 Hollyglen, Houston, which was put on file in January, 1964, and last revised in December, 1964. She stated her files indicates GLENN RABORN is employed by ARA Manufacturing and was previously employed by Texaco Company. [redacted] stated the file reflects one department store account and one bank loan which were paid in the agreed manner.

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[redacted] advised her records indicate a credit file for WILLIAM A. MILLER, wife ROWENA, 4317 DeMilo Drive, Houston, which was placed on file in February, 1952, and last revised in December, 1964. [redacted] stated her file indicates WILLIAM MILLER is retired from the William A. Miller Company and that ROWENA is a former school teacher

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with the Houston Independent School System. [REDACTED] b6  
stated her file indicates the following ten past due medical b7C  
bills which have been placed for collection:

Account	Date Placed For Collection	Amount
Memorial Baptist Hospital	January, 1963	\$ 22.00
Memorial Baptist Hospital	December, 1964	\$ 85.96
[REDACTED]	December, 1963	\$ 400.00
	May, 1961	\$ 70.00
	July, 1953	\$ 30.00
	April, 1942	\$ 14.00
	October, 1958	\$ 40.00
	January, 1937	\$ 53.00
	Date unknown	\$ 15.00
Hospital Television Rental	January, 1963	\$ 9.00

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOSEPH B. KILLGORE:

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS

On April 15, 1965, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau b6  
of Beaumont, advised ROWEN C. RABORN, wife SELMA, have a b7C  
file with that office which was placed on file in September,

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1947, and last checked for the Credit Bureau of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in April, 1957. At that time, RABORN's address was listed as 272 East Parkway, believed to be Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Credit Bureau file reflects RABORN was employed in Beaumont, as a salesman for General Electric Supply Company of Houston, Texas. [redacted] advised that the credit record for RABORN was entirely favorable.

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On April 15, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] Beaumont Police Department, and [redacted] Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Beaumont, advised their files contained no record of ROWEN C. RABORN or SELMA RABORN.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEWARK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>4/28/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/16 - 20/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. GLEASON</b>	TYPED BY <b>SMS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPI</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Bureau teletype to Washington Field dated 4/15/65.  
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/65.  
Washington Field teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/65.

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4-14-71 by Comdr.  
W. J. [unclear]*

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Copy to:

Report of: JOHN J. GLEASON  
Date: 4/28/65

Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 161-753

Bureau File #:

Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Applicant's sister, MARY E. MYLENKI, presently residing 436 Glendale Road, Wyckoff, N.J., with husband, NICHOLAS, according to Patrolman [redacted] Wyckoff, N.J., Police Department. No record of arrest for MYLENKI's North Haledon and Wyckoff, N.J., Police Departments. No derogatory credit information at Garden State Credit Bureau which covers North Jersey.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

On April 16, 1965, Patrolman [redacted] Wyckoff, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that NICHOLAS and MARY ELIZABETH MYLENKI had been residing at 436 Glendale Road, Wyckoff, New Jersey, for approximately the past two years to his knowledge and are living there now. He stated that they moved to Wyckoff from North Haledon, New Jersey.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On April 16, 1965, Patrolman [redacted] Wyckoff, New Jersey, Police Department, advised he had no record of arrest for NICHOLAS or MARY ELIZABETH MYLENKI.

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On April 16, 1965, Chief of Police LOUIS STUTZ, North Haledon, New Jersey, Police Department, advised he had no record of arrest for NICHOLAS and MARY ELIZABETH MYLENKI.

On April 16, 1965, [REDACTED] Garden State Credit Bureau, 429 Getty Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, which covers North Haledon and Wyckoff, New Jersey, advised she had no derogatory credit information concerning NICHOLAS and MARY E. MYLENKI of 436 Glendale Road, Wyckoff, New Jersey.

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Date: 5/4/65

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FROM: SAC, WFO (116-34293) (RUC)

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On 5/4/65 U.S. Senator GEORGE MURPHY, California, advised SA [ ] that he does not know the appointee personally, however, everything he has heard concerning the appointee has been favorable. The only reservation he would have concerning his present appointment would be his lack of intelligence background. He advised that the appointee is apparently a high-type professional man and he would raise no objection to his appointment.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
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1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Young

May 5, 1965

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 21, 1965, which furnished you the results of investigation conducted concerning Vice Admiral William Francis Raborn, Jr., United States Navy, retired.

The Honorable George L. Murphy, United States Senator from California, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and advised that he is not personally acquainted with Admiral Raborn, but that everything he has heard about Admiral Raborn has been favorable. He stated that the only reservation he has concerning Admiral Raborn's appointment is his lack of an intelligence background. He said that Admiral Raborn appears to be a high-type, professional person and he (Senator Murphy) has no objection to Admiral Raborn's serving in his present position.

This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TITLE OF CASE <b>WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM S. OVITT</b>	TYPED BY <b>caa</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCE: Washington Field teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/65;  
 San Diego teletype to the Bureau dated 4/19/65;  
 Bureau teletype to San Diego dated 4/20/65;  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Copy to:**

Report of: WILLIAM S. OVITT Office: SAN DIEGO  
Date: May 5, 1965  
Field Office File #: San Diego 161-188 Bureau File #:  
Title: WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.

**Character:** SPECIAL INQUIRY

### Synopsis:

Retired Admiral T. L. SPRAGUE and F. MOOSBRUGGER comment favorably concerning appointee. Appointee's divorce at San Diego verified. Credit records contain notice of foreclosure by Central Federal Savings and Loan on real estate loan made by appointee and wife. San Diego Municipal Court records reflect appointee and wife sued in 1954 for clothing purchases and judgement by default entered against appointee's wife. Appointee has no law enforcement record at San Diego and no arrest record at Coronado, California.

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DETAILS:

## Associates

On April 19, 1965, Vice Admiral FREDERICK MOOSBRUGGER, U. S. Navy Retired, 2562 Rosecrans, San Diego, California, advised he was only slightly acquainted with RABORN during the period 1946 to 1956, when they were fellow navy officers and RABORN served under his command intermittently. MOOSBRUGGER stated he was not socially acquainted with RABORN and knew him only by reputation, which he described as excellent. MOOSBRUGGER advised that nothing had come to his attention, which would reflect adversely upon the character, associates or loyalty of RABORN.

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On April 19, 1965, Vice Admiral THOMAS LAMISON SPRAGUE, U. S. Navy Retired, 1528 Glorietta Boulevard, Coronado, California, advised he first became acquainted with RABORN about 1937, when SPRAGUE was supervisor of aviation training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and RABORN was an instructor under his command. He said he had heard of the appointee before that time by reputation as a promising young officer and had selected him as an instructor, and they were associates at Pensacola until about 1940. With the exception of occasional meetings their last period of close association was during the years 1949 - 1952. At that time SPRAGUE was commander of the navy air forces in the Pacific and RABORN commanded an aircraft carrier. Their association has otherwise been intermittent.

SPRAGUE described RABORN as a man whose personal code of honor is the very highest. He has an excellent reputation and his personal morals and character are unblemished. SPRAGUE stated RABORN is very honest in all his dealings and rose to a high rank in the military service without doing so at the expense of others. RABORN has a reputation of dealing strictly in facts and is a skillful administrator and good judge of men. SPRAGUE stated he knew of nothing that would in any manner reflect unfavorably on RABORN and SPRAGUE highly recommended RABORN for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Divorce Records

~~LEAH VANCE BARNES RABORN~~  
~~VANCE RABORN~~

On April 19, 1965, MARY L. WATSON, San Diego County Records Office, made available Superior Court file number 181659. This file reflects that ~~LEAH VANCE RABORN NEAR BARNES~~ filed a complaint for divorce on June 11, 1953, against ~~MRS. WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR.~~, charging extreme cruelty and grievous mental suffering. An Interlocutory Judgement of divorce was granted on March 25, 1954 and a final judgement of divorce was granted on March 28, 1955. The file also contains a restraining order, issued August 18, 1954, restraining LEAH VANCE RABORN from bothering, interfering with or communicating with WILLIAM FRANCIS RABORN, JR., in any manner whatsoever and restraining her from conducting herself in any manner calculated to interfere with his employment or occupation in the U. S. Navy.

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Municipal Court Records

On April 20, 1965, [REDACTED] San Diego Municipal Court, made available file number 20841, in the case entitled E. E. ARGANBRIGHT vs: Captain WILLIAM F. RABORN, JR. and LEAH VANCE RABORN. The file reflects a complaint was filed November 9, 1954 for a money demand of \$1148.04, for clothing purchases from LEAH H. ELGIN, formerly a women's apparel shop. The file reflects that a judgement by default was entered against Mrs. RABORN, on January 18, 1955, for the original amount plus interest and costs. At the time of the suit the appointee was serving aboard the USS BENNINGTON. Following service of summons, by mail, he filed an answer to the complaint on March 3, 1955, stating he and his wife separated in February, 1953 and he had complied with terms of a court order obtained by her for support and appointee alleged there had been no reconciliation and he did not purchase the merchandise nor did he have knowledge of the purchase. A trial was set for December 6, 1955. A Satisfaction of Judgement form was filed on April 26, 1965.

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On April 20, 1965, [REDACTED] of E.E.ARGANBRIGHT Collection Agency, San Diego, advised their records concerning the appointee had been destroyed.

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Central Federal Savings and Loan Records

On April 20, 1965, [REDACTED] Home Loan Department, Central Federal Savings and Loan, Seventh and C Streets, furnished the following information concerning the home loan which the appointee and his wife, LEAH VANCE, held with her firm:

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On July 22, 1948, the appointee and his wife opened escrow on the property at 3652 Third Avenue, San Diego, for an original \$5,000, assuming a \$4,970 unpaid balance from a previous sale. On August 12, 1948, they also took a second trust deed from the original owner. The payments to Central Federal were \$55 per month.

On September 2, 1949, Central Federal wrote the RABORNs at 2348 North Quebec Street, Arlington, Virginia, to inform them they were \$165 in arrears. The RABORNs

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replied they would bring the account current on October 5, 1949. On October 25, 1949, another letter was directed to the RABORNs saying their account was three months past due and if this was not corrected by November 1, 1949, a notice of default would have to be filed. On October 27, 1949, Mrs. RABORN wrote that due to unexpected expenses while moving, surgery for their son and an illness of Mrs. RABORN's, payments had been difficult to keep up. She also mentioned that they would like to make a new arrangement to have the first trust deed put on a lower interest basis. On November 17, 1949, the RABORNs paid their account up through October 13, 1949.

On January 13, 1950, Central Federal wrote the RABORNs in Arlington, Virginia, that they had not received any payment since the November 17, 1949 installment. They noted that they had been lenient in the past but pointed out that payments had never been received promptly. A deadline of January 18, 1950 was set for Board action on default of the loan.

The next correspondence was from Mrs. RABORN dated March 28, 1950, address 198 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland, saying they were trying to refinance the loan and requesting figures on the balance due.

On December 29, 1950, the RABORNs were advised that the Finance Committee had ruled that if \$110 was not received on or before January 5, 1951, they would file immediate default action.

On May 21, 1951, Central Federal sent a letter to the effect that Notice of Default was to be filed with Southern Title Company, 940 Third Avenue, San Diego. A card with this letter gave Captain RABORN's address as USS BAIROKO (CVE 115), in care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

By letter dated May 20, 1951, VANCE RABORN, General Delivery, Kerrville, Texas, wrote that she had been very ill. She enclosed a number of post-dated checks for payments due.

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By letter dated May 23, 1951, Central Federal returned these checks as not legal tender and also filed foreclosure proceedings.

On June 2, 1951, Central Federal received a cashier's check for \$225, drawn on the Coronado, California, branch of the Bank of America, bringing the loan up to date. Foreclosure action was cancelled and on June 19, 1951 Central Federal asked Southern Title to return the foreclosure papers which they did with a charge of \$45.

The file indicates that in August, 1951, the RABORNs tried to refinance their loan elsewhere but cancelled.

On August 7, 1951, a collection letter was sent as they were \$110 in arrears. Appointee, then with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, OP-15, Washington, D.C., wrote back that his records indicated they were up to date in their payments. From this time until July 2, 1953 there was a considerable flow of correspondence between Central Federal and the RABORNs, about the status of their account with Central Federal claiming they were consistently one month in arrears and RABORN replying that he was not. In July, 1953 the appointee's loan was taken over by Union Title.

On April 20, 1965, [REDACTED] Collection Department, Title Insurance and Trust Company, 220 A Street, successor to Union Title, advised her records for Loan Number P 13242 - A30, reveal that on July 2, 1953 an escrow for \$4,500 was recorded for appointee and his wife and outstanding balances were paid off at Central Federal and to the holder of the second trust deed. Thereafter, the RABORNs paid their payments on time or in advance, until April 26, 1955 when a new owner assumed the unpaid balance.

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#### Credit Records

On April 19, 1965, [REDACTED] to the Manager, Merchants Credit Association, San Diego, advised IC [REDACTED] the records of her agency concerning the appointee and his wife contain a warning notice issued by Central Federal Savings and Loan Association on May 24, 1951.

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The credit records also contain a notice of suit filed in San Diego Municipal Court, against the appointee and his wife, by E. E. ARGANBRIGHT on November 9, 1954.

Law Enforcement Agencies

On April 19, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] San Diego Police Department and Lieutenant [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised IC [redacted] the records of their respective agencies contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

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On April 19, 1965, Officer [redacted] Coronado Police Department, Coronado, California, advised records of his agency contain no arrest for the appointee. [redacted] stated his records reflect that between 1932 and 1941 the appointee made ten complaints concerning prowlers or minor nuisances, in each instance the appointee was the victim.



July 30, 1965

PERSONAL

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I wanted to drop you this personal note to let you know that I was very sorry to learn of the passing of your Mother. She had a good, full life and I hope that knowledge will help bring you consolation in your time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr.,  
USN (Retired)  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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NOTE: His mother died on 7/28 of cancer and will be buried in San Antonio, Texas, on 7/30/65.

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November 2, 1965

BY LIAISON

Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., USN (Retired)  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I was very sorry to learn of the passing  
of your brother and want to send you this note expressing  
my deepest sympathy. Words, of course, are most  
inadequate but I hope you will gain solace from the knowl-  
edge that your many friends share your sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Little Rock
- 1 - Liaison Section

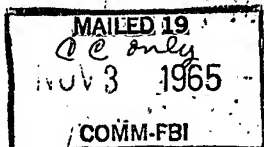
NOTE: Admiral Raborn's brother L. B. (Barney) Raborn died yesterday  
in Little Rock, Arkansas, and is to be buried there on Thursday. This  
letter should be returned to Liaison Section for delivery to Admiral Raborn.  
Information received from Liaison Agent Papich.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/2/65

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. RABORN, JR.  
DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Reference is made to the enclosed article of Joseph Kraft which appeared in the 11/1/65 issue of the "Washington Post." Kraft questions the capabilities of Raborn to do the job as Director of CIA. According to Kraft, "the basic complaint about the Admiral is that he has neither training nor flair for political analysis of developments abroad."

On 11/1/65, [redacted] to Raborn, confided to the Liaison Agent that this article greatly upset the CIA Director. [redacted] advised that a few days ago, Kraft contacted CIA and indicated that he was printing an article which the Agency might not like. He inquired if anybody wished to confer with him. [redacted] stated that in order that the Agency not incur any obligation to Kraft, he was told that the Agency was not making any comment on anything he was to write.

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[redacted] commented that obviously there are people in Washington who are displeased and are trying to "knife the Admiral."

## ACTION:

For information.

## Enclosure

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Papich  
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Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., USN (Retired)  
Director

**EX-101** Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I received your letter of December 16<sup>th</sup> regarding Mr. Belmont and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

It was certainly good of you to comment as you did, and I am indeed pleased to know that he is held in such esteem. I will convey your kind sentiments to Mr. Belmont, and you may be assured he joins me in expressing appreciation for your favorable remarks.

My associates and I value the fine relations which exist between your agency and the FBI, and you may be certain that Mr. DeLoach is looking forward to working with you in our mutually cooperative endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Liaison Section - Enclosure

NOTE: We have had prior cordial correspondence with Admiral Raborn, last outgoing 11-2-65 expressing condolences on the death of his brother.

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August 17, 1966

Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., USN (Ret.)  
1606 Crestwood Lane  
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I am indeed sorry I was unable to attend the White House ceremony today when you were presented the National Security Council Medal.

This is certainly a great honor and one of which you can be very proud. I did want to join your many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes on this memorable occasion.

With kindest personal regards,

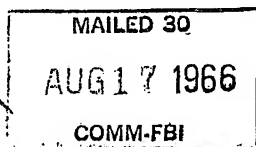
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The Bureau enjoyed cordial correspondence with Admiral Raborn during his tenure as Director of CIA. The Director wrote him on June 20th regarding his retirement and on June 29th the Director met Admiral Raborn and was photographed with him. Address obtained by Liaison Section.

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